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**VLADIMIR GUTSAYEV (Dynamo Tbilisi) RIGHT and ISKRA (Olimpija)**

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# CUNNINGHAM DISPUTE

**WEST Bromwich Albion's unsuccessful trip to play in a tournament in Coruna, Spain, in which they finished last in a four-cornered tournament was not the only problem they found themselves in on the eve of the new season.**

The £600,000 fee that Real Madrid had promised to pay as a first instalment in the £900,000 transfer of ex-Albion winger Laurie Cunningham had not been received at The Hawthorns.

Since Albion had already spent £650,000 on Manchester City winger Peter Barnes, and a further £450,000 on his Maine Road midfield colleague Gary Owen, their finances were clearly in some disarray.

Of course, with Len Cantello moving to Bolton Wanderers for £350,000 it has not been solely a situation of paying out for Albion.

Albion actually cancelled the registration of Cunningham in June when the transfer was originally agreed, but the Football Association had not cleared him so that there is no question of the England international being allowed to drift away without completion of the deal as first mooted.

The players who have made the trek to the United States of America are now familiar with the rather streamlined rules which apply to the playing of soccer under North American Soccer League auspices.

However the credibility of the American scene continues to have the odd knock of two. Recently New York Cosmos former Yugoslavian international Vladislav Bogicevic received an "assist" which broke a record previously held by Pele in one season for doing nothing more than taking a throw-in.

Laurie Cunningham in the colours of Real Madrid — but is he paid for?

# Haslam search

**SHEFFIELD UNITED manager Harry Haslam, who has earned a reputation for signing foreign players, was in France for the opening week of the new season, on a secret mission for two players.**

The most likely candidates were Fares Bousdira, 26 of Nice and Armando Bianchi, 25 of Paris St. Germain. In the end neither were signed and Haslam contented himself with paying £100,000 for Lennie de Goey a Dutchman and Pedro Verde an Argentinian from the Spanish club Hercules Alicante.

## Relegated

United relegated to the Third Division at the end of the season were on the point of releasing their Argentinian international midfield player Alex Sabella.

He was often prominent for the club in 1978-79 but suffered from playing for a team which had one notable success in the League Cup in beating Liverpool but spent the rest of the campaign slipping down the Second Division table.

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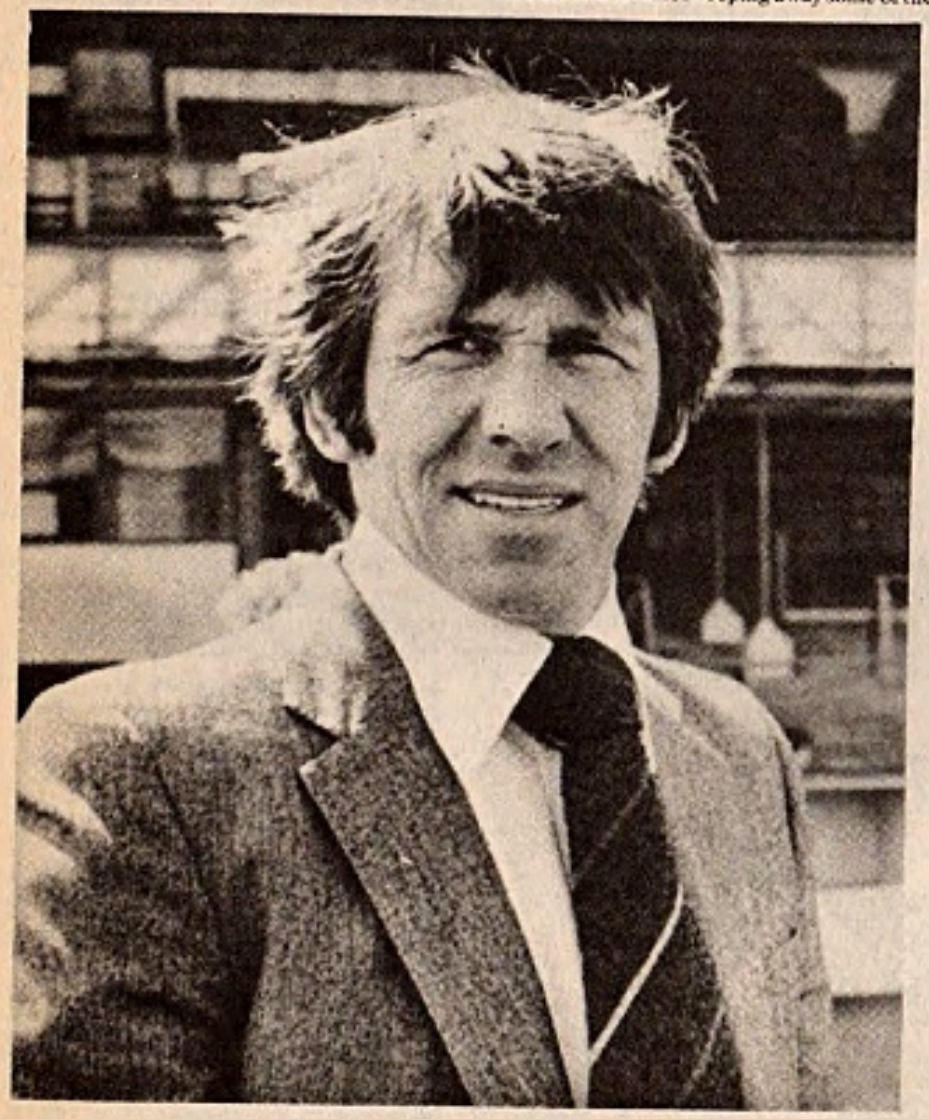
# FANFARE START FOR SCOTLAND

**SCOTTISH soccer got a fanfare kick-off to the new season with two clubs winning trophies and the fans being treated to some truly electrifying and spectacular goals.**

I have the feeling that this is going to be a good, thoroughly exciting season in many respects both at club and country level. The game needs a shot in the arm before rigor mortis sets in and it's marvellous to witness some flamboyance being paraded instead of the old rigid cloak of safety-first.

Rangers are to be applauded immediately. Manager John Greig is restoring the image of the club. He knows they are more often associated with strong arm stuff rather than delicate skills and it's true that there were times when the Ibrox side did seem to have more than their fair share of hammer throwers, but that is strictly in the past now.

Greig has given Davie Cooper an almost free role in the side's attack and Rangers are looking all the better for it. Greig, too, had the courage to introduce 17-year-old left-winger John MacDonald and the boy has been a breath of fresh air, sweeping away some of the fog that was beginning to settle on soccer North of the Border.



Rangers manager John Greig.

Rangers won the first trophy even before the season kicked off in earnest. They claimed the Drybrough Cup at Hampden with a 3-1 victory over old rivals Celtic and although triumph in this tournament really means little the game will be remembered for Rangers' three awe-inspiring goals.

Rangers have stuttered through their two hurdles on the way to the Final. A headed goal from Alex MacDonald gave them a 1-0 win over part-time First Division side Berwick Rangers at Ibrox and against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park they took a pounding before bringing on John MacDonald as a second-half substitute for Tommy McLean and the youngster duly played his part in the proceedings by notching two goals and taking his club to Hampden.

Celtic, on the other hand, had scored eight goals on their way to the final. They demoralised Clydebank 5-0 and then came within a minute of going out to Dundee United in the semi-final at Parkhead. They had taken the lead through a long range effort from Davie Provan, but United fought back to equalise and then jump into the lead.

## Kiss of life

Billy McNeill gave his side the kiss of life when he introduced Johnny Doyle as a substitute and it was the former Ayr winger who threw Celtic a lifeline when he hit the equalising goal. The game went into extra-time and Celtic were impressive as they swept down in pursuit of the winner. It came from the rapidly maturing George McCluskey.

So the scene was set for yet another shoot-out of the Glasgow giants at Hampden. Celtic started at a pulverising pace, battering away at Peter McCloy at a ferocious rate. This continued for 15 minutes with Rangers defenders wondering what was in store for them during the remaining 75 minutes.

Remarkably — and it can surely only happen in Old Firm battles — by the 33rd minute Celtic were 2-0 down!

John MacDonald opened the scoring with as delicate a goal as you will see all season. He worked his way into the heart of the Celtic defence, worked a 1-2 with Davie Cooper, drifted wide, drew the 'keeper and placed the ball firmly in the corner.

Not to be outdone, Sandy Jardine scored an even better one 10 minutes later. He took the ball off Roy Aitken on his own 18 yards box and then simply surged forward as the Celtic players backed off.

Jardine continued to move on shaking off a couple of lethargic tackles and before the Parkhead men could sense the real danger

# by ALEX GORDON

signals he was just outside their penalty box and pulling the ball back to his left foot to score with a drive that zipped past a bemused Peter Latchford who must have wondered if his defence was taking this game seriously.

The goal of the game, though, came in the second-half. It was Rangers' third and completely killed of Celtic's brief fightback. Cooper, with his back to goal, lobbed the ball over the head of Tom McAdam, then did likewise with Alan Sneddon before turning crisply inside the box to take the ball on the drop and send it into the far corner of the net.

Latchford looked sick as his defenders stood open mouthed and red faced in embarrassment. The game was not entirely over, though. That brave old Lisbon Lion Bobby Lennox was sent on as a substitute and, showing his younger colleagues how it should be done, he glided to the edge of the penalty box to accept a free-kick from Murdo MacLeod and thrash a shot of vicious power high past the stranded McCloy.

## Programme

Lennox had made his point, but the trophy still went to Ibrox. The game will be forgotten, but the memory of those spectacular goals will undoubtedly linger on.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy, watching the game from the Hampden stand, was suitably impressed and said afterwards: "I think I've just seen all the goals of the season before the English programme even starts!"

The second trophy winners were newly promoted Kilmarnock, the only team in history, surely, to claim a Cup and not win a game while doing so. In the Tennent Caledonian Cup, held at Ibrox, between Rangers, West Ham, Brighton and the Rugby Park men, the part-timers came out on top because of their expertise in taking penalty-kicks.

Their first match was against Brighton and it ended 1-1 after 90 minutes. The game went to penalty-kicks and Kilmarnock eventually won 6-5 to book a place in the Final.

After that match Rangers and West Ham fought it out for the other spot and the Ibrox side won 3-2 with the help of two well-taken goals by Gordon Smith. Rangers played that game on the Friday, then met Celtic in the Drybrough Cup Final on Saturday before facing Kilmarnock on Sunday.

Without detracting in any way from Kilmarnock's performance, Rangers were obviously a bit jaded in their third game in three days. It's a punishing pace for any player, particularly at the start of a season.

Nevertheless, Rangers were 2-0 up with only four minutes to go when the roof caved in on them. Kilmarnock pulled one back and in the last minute they were awarded a penalty-kick when Alex Miller handled a shot on the line. George Maxwell whacked a mighty effort past McCloy and it was penalty-kick shoot-out time again.

Kilmarnock must get through an awful lot of practice because they didn't miss one. Rangers did . . . Davie Cooper's effort being saved by goalkeeper Alan McCulloch. The decisive penalty again went to dead-eye Maxwell and again he almost demolished the net with a piledriver.

Tom Forsyth of Rangers and Scotland.

Applause, then, for Rangers and Kilmarnock, two fine teams who will contribute a lot as the season goes on. Elsewhere in Scotland before the official kick-off, there was the sponsored Skol tournament held in Edinburgh with Hibs, Hearts, Coventry City and Manchester City in competition on a League basis for the trophy.

Coventry eventually took the Cup after beating Manchester City (3-1), Hearts (3-1) and drawing 0-0 with Hibs, who were one point adrift at the end of the day.

The undoubted flops of this competition were big-money Manchester City, parading players such as £700,000 Mick Robinson and £250,000 Steve McKenzie. They didn't win a single game, provided little entertainment and I've got a message for Malcolm Allison and his team . . . don't expect an invitation for next season's tourney!

Dundee United did well in their two challenge matches against English opposition when they destroyed the much-vaunted Aston Villa 3-0 and left their former star Andy Gray gasping and saying: "That's the best performance from any Scottish side I have ever met. United would fill every ground in England with a display like that."

Proving it was no fluke, United then took on Spurs and were 2-0 down after only 12 minutes but still came back to emerge 3-2 victors. Willie Pettigrew, bought for only £100,000 from Motherwell, made his debut against the White Hart Lane side and scored, as was probably to be expected of a player who rarely gets the credit he undoubtedly deserves.

Aberdeen, too, handed out a couple of lessons to English clubs when they blasted Coventry 4-1 and then walloped Spurs 2-0.

Things, then, look fairly bright. The game has had a good send off . . . I just hope it continues until the last ball has been kicked in anger.

There is no harm in hoping . . .

## Libertadores Cup Final report from ERIC WEIL

# Olimpia win for Paraguay

**THIS year a new name — and country — went on the Libertadores Cup (South American Club Championship) which in its 19 previous editions had only been won by eight clubs from three countries — Olimpia, of Paraguay, who beat holders Boca Juniors of Argentina in the finals, winning 2-0 in Asunción and drawing the second leg 0-0 in Buenos Aires.**

This ended the domination of the trophy by Argentina (12 wins), Uruguay (4) and Brazil (3). In fact, it had come to be known as the Argentine Cup in some quarters.

Although Olimpia had participated in the tournament 13 times, they had reached the final only once before — in the very first competition in 1960 when losing to Peñarol of Uruguay. Olimpia made no changes from last year's team which won the Paraguayan first division, but they engaged former Uruguayan international winger Luis Cubillas as coach "because he had cup experience."

Cubillas had played for Argentina's River Plate in the 1966 final and, with only three years coaching experience, he started a revolution in Paraguayan soccer.

Cubillas took Olimpia's squad to a pre-season training camp and this was the first time such a thing had ever been done in Paraguay and while he made no team changes, he taught some of the club's stars to believe in themselves — such as defender Flaminio Sosa, Luis Torres (a great ball player), Hugo Talavera (chief organiser and one of the country's top players) and forwards Evaristo Isasi (as dangerous as he was apathetic), Alberto Kiese (clever and with a hard shot) and goal-scoring Atanasio Villalba who all had the talent to walk into the world's best teams, but seldom showed it.

Another first in Paraguay was that he made them train twice a day — many of the players, earning comparatively little from soccer, are part-timers and team captain Talavera is an architect.

The results were soon evident in pre-season games. Olimpia won one summer tournament in Montevideo beating Uruguay's top clubs Peñarol and Nacional. Of the 12 matches played in the Libertadores Cup, they won nine, drew two and only lost 2-1 to Bolivar in La Paz where they faced the Bolivian champions weakened by the absence of four stars injured a few days earlier against Bolivia's other representatives, Jorge Wilsterman, where spectators entered the field and attacked the players.

This result put their semi-final chances in doubt for a time and it was rumoured that they offered players of Paraguay's vice-champions, Sol de America (who had already lost their chance), a bonus of $50,000 if they avoided defeat against Bolivar in the next group match. Sol de America drew 2-2 in La Paz and Olimpia won the group by a point.

The semi-final group fixture list probably favoured them, because after beating fancied Guarani (Brazil) at home, they picked up enough points to qualify for the final in their next two matches before Guarani were scheduled to play their rivals at home (but all this has been published in previous *World Soccer* issues).

Officials of Olimpia — Paraguay's oldest soccer club which reached its 77th anniversary shortly before the finals — said that a million dollars had been spent in the process of winning the trophy for the first time.

**The captains of the two Libertadores Cup Finalists, Sune of Boca Juniors and Talavera of Olimpia, greet each other before battle commences.**

**Olimpia probably won the cup after only three minutes of the first leg in Asunción when a defensive mistake allowed Aquino to open the score.**

This abruptly changed Boca Juniors' plans of playing for an away draw and forced them to do what they do worst — attack. But while Olimpia's defence was their weakest department, Boca's disorganised attack got nowhere against a side with a style very similar to their own — "pressing".

This method of applying constant pressure when a team has lost possession and making it difficult for them to build up attacks, resulted in both teams outpressing each other and it was yet another poor match in this competition with both teams lacking ideas.

There was little soccer and too much running and kicking — of players as well as the ball. Olimpia hardly deserved their 2-0 half-time lead, although Boca's defence was also uncharacteristically vulnerable without suspended Sa and the bad state of the field did not help.

In fact Olimpia's second goal, from a free-kick by Piazza, had Gatti beaten by the bounce of the ball. In the second half Boca, who brought on an extra forward (Palacios) for midfielder Benitez, had more of the ball, but, as usual, did little right with it. In any case, scoring two goals always seemed too tall an order for Boca's poor attacking ideas.

The second leg in Buenos Aires was no better, but the tone for it was again set within three minutes. Following the fouls of the first leg and promises for revenge — plus threats from Boca coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo against Paraguayan fans with whom he had a slanging match in Asunción — there could have been a blood bath.

Uruguayan referee Cardellino — blamed later by Lorenzo for "selling" the match — cooled it before three minutes were up when sending off Sûne (B) and Paredes (O) for a comparatively mild offence — crashing into and insulting each other.

Before it was over another player from each side — Banubria (B) and Kiese (O) — received marching orders, the Paraguayan perhaps a bit unjustly, but it helped to keep it comparatively clean.

Olimpia defended their first-leg lead by packing their goal area — as expected — with only long kicks up to Isasi and Villalba to relieve them. Boca Juniors were given plenty of time and space to build up attacks, but getting near goal was another problem — without solution, as expected.

True, Boca had their chances and Olimpia goalie Almeida made some outstanding saves

**Olimpia from Paraguay, Libertadores Cup winners 1979 by a two-nil aggregate over Boca Juniors from Argentina. The new South American Champions are (back row from left to right): Solalinde, Paredes, Kiese, Gimenez, Almeida, Piazza. Front row: Isasi, Torres, Villalba, Talavera, Aquino.**

as the home team attacked almost throughout the match, but it was again a case of Boca's attack failings being all too evident.

Olimpia's cup win was deserved as they were the better of two teams showing little soccer. In fact, the type of spoiling and speculating game which had won Boca the cup two years in succession had found a worthy successor in Olimpia . . . and it seems to be the only way to win this trophy.

**To cap it all, Boca coach Lorenzo accused Olimpia of speculating and refusing to play open soccer — the very tactics which had been so successful for him and Boca in the cup which they had won for the last two years.**

But for the Argentine team, which for so long had managed to get by without a good attack, a cycle seemed to have ended and talks immediately started about reducing the current playing staff of 45 to about half that number.

The writing was on the wall at the start of the season when Lorenzo did not really want to stay on realising that the club's financial situation would not allow him to buy the players he needed to strengthen the attack. Players were bought, but they hardly fitted into Boca's style and did not effectively strengthen the front line.

Boca Juniors, who as cup holders had a bye into the semi-final stage, won semi-final group 2 — in which only five goals were scored in six poor matches — by beating injury-stricken Independiente 1-0 in a play-off. The latter missed no less than seven first teamers — defenders Villaverde and Perez (injured), Pagnanini and Insaurralde (suspended), midfielders Fren and Galvan and forward Outes (all injured).

While Boca Juniors frequently fielded reserves in league matches to concentrate on the Cup, Independiente tried to win both, qualified for the league semi-finals, but were unlucky to be hit by injuries (and suspensions) at the vital moment. Yet Boca only won with a goal scored by Mastrangelo in time added on for stoppages during the 30 minutes extra-time played.

Earlier, in the last group matches (since *World Soccer*'s last issue), Boca had beaten Independiente 2-0 with first half goals from Perotti and the prodigious Mastrangelo while their Argentine rivals played incredibly below form. In the second half, Independiente's fight-back was stopped by first one defender (Pagnanini) and then another (Insaurralde) being sent off.

Thus Boca needed a win in their last match with Peñarol in Montevideo to go into the final on points. They started in promising fashion and came close early on against the Uruguayan champions who had no longer any final chance, but later it developed into another poor encounter in this group, ending with no score to set up the play-off.

**Final — First leg**
July 22 (in Asunción)
**OLIMPIA (Paraguay) (2) 2 (Aquino, Piazza)**
**BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0**

**Olimpia:** Almeida, Solalinde, Paredes, Gimenez, Piazza, Torres, Kiese, Talavera, Isasi, Villalba, Aquino.
**Boca Juniors:** Gatti, Pernia, Capurro, Mouzo, Bordón, Benitez (Palacios), Suñe, Salinas, Mastrangelo, Salguero, Rocha.
**Referee:** Gastón Castro, Chile

**Second leg**
July 27 (in Buenos Aires)
**BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0**
**OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 0**

**Boca Juniors:** Gatti, Pernia, Sa, Capurro, Bordon, Benitez, Suñe (sent off 2m), Zanabria (sent off 68m) (Salguero), Mastrangelo, Salinas, Rocha (Palacios)
**Olimpia:** Almeida, Solalinde, Paredes (sent off 2m), Gimenez, Piazza, Torres (Guaschi), Kiese (sent off 69m), Talavera, Isasi, Villalba, Aquino (Delgado).
**Referee:** Jose Gardellino, Uruguay — Att: 50,000

**Beaten finalists in the Libertadores Cup, Boca Juniors from Argentina. Back row from left to right: Zanabria, Capurro, Sune, Sa, Pernia, Gatti, Bordon. Front row: Mastrangelo, Benitez, Salinas, Rocha.**

# LESS PROS IN AUSTRIA

by Jack Rollin

**THERE are only 81 full-time professionals in the Austrian First Division this season. The champions Austria/WAC have the most. They have 15 while Admira Wacker have 14, Rapid and Voest Linz 13 each and Austria Salzburg 12.**

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Only one of the present 18 West German Bundesliga clubs does not have a German full international on their staff. They are newly promoted Bayer Uerdingen. The other 17 have sixty different players with full honours between them. 1FC Cologne have the most with seven internationals.

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There are 21 foreigners playing in the Austrian First Division this season. Austria/WAC have the most, six, followed by Rapid and Admira Wacker with three each.

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The West German Bundesliga is in its 17th season now. At the end of the 16th season a total of 15,540 goals had been scored in 4,764 matches for an average of 3.26 per game. Timo Konietzka scored the first of these goals on 24th August, 1963, at 3.31 pm while the last was scored by Pierre Littbarski on 9th June, 1979, at 3.12 pm.

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**Of the 45 players transferred to French First Division clubs this summer ten have come from foreign countries. The most notable arrivals are Lahzami Temine (Tunisia) to Marseille; Henryk Maculewicz (Poland) to Lens and Joao Alves (Portugal) to Paris St. Germain.**

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Most active Italian team in the summer transfer transactions affecting Serie A clubs was Internazionale of Milan who made nine signings and allowed 11 to move to various other clubs. Pescara signed ten and transferred nine while Bologna secured nine and released ten.

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Drago Vabec the Yugoslavian international midfield player of Dinamo Zagreb has been transferred to the French club Brest. He had been the source of interest from Southampton.

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The 60th birthday of one of England's most accomplished centre-forwards of all time, Tommy Lawton passed almost unnoticed on the opening day of the season, August 11.

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The Liverpool team in a happy mood, and they have every reason to be because they have just won the 1979 Charity Shield at Wembley. The team who beat Arsenal 3-1 are, back left to right: Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness, Dalglish, Clemence. Front left to right: Neal, Thompson (capt), Kennedy, R. Hansen, Kennedy, A.

# Mighty Liverpool

## by Jack Rollin

**IT was Liverpool who showed that charity begins at home leaving Arsenal with only faith and hope that their prospects will brighten up later in the season, after the showpiece of the pre-season festivities providing Anfield with another trophy, the FA Charity Shield.**

While it has always been easy to sneer at the type of fixture that the Shield represents, allowing for the obvious financial boost to worthwhile causes, there could be no doubt in any of the 92,000 people's minds attending that total commitment was a priority.

Liverpool appeared as a side not merely flexing themselves in the early days of a new term, but one which had taken over from where it left off in the championship the previous season.

They showed from the kick-off that the fluency and force which had been a feature of play when at their best was still an integral part of a side well equipped to tackle the rigours of the 1980s.

If there was a failing it was in front of goal where several chances went begging. Indeed this was the only feature which might have been termed charitable in their dealings with Arsenal.

After suffering from some uncertainty in the heart of their defence, Arsenal rallied midway through the first half with Liam Brady providing the inspiration from midfield.

Typically Liverpool chose this as the moment to strike through the very middle of the opponents' rearguard which appeared to be binding itself as a unit again with Terry McDermott beating Pat Jennings for the opening score.

After the interval Arsenal suffered with an injury to Sammy Nelson and the Irish international full-back had to go off allowing Willie Young to replace him. Young had not been quite match fit and his place alongside David O'Leary had gone to Steve Walford.

With the arrival of Young, a reshuffle took place and Walford went to full-back with the substitute taking over his normal extra cover duties.

This was the moment that Liverpool struck two further quick blows through Kenny Dalglish and McDermott again.

Arsenal used their second substitute when their solitary close season capture John Hollins from Queen's Park Rangers came on for David Price, just before Liverpool's third goal.

Creditably the Gunners kept trying to achieve some kind of individual impression on the match in which they were always forced to play a secondary role and Alan Sunderland who had been their goalscoring hero in the F.A. Cup Final at least ensured that their defeat was not a whitewash.

For Liverpool manager Bob Paisley the match must have been a confirmation that the short close season had not impaired the potential which appears to flow out of Anfield like an assembly line product. It is not as easy as that; simply that the professionalism which Liverpool show makes the whole thing purr like a finely tuned engine.

Terry Neill, his opposite number at Arsenal can at least realise that if his side can improve upon this performance they will be one of the teams challenging for the title now firmly in the grip of Liverpool.

**Arsenal (0) 1 Liverpool (1) 3**
**Wembley 92,000 receipts £280,000**

**Arsenal:** Jennings; Rice, Nelson (Young), Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Hollins), Rix.

**Liverpool:** Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Scorers: Arsenal — Sunderland 55 mins. Liverpool — McDermott 39 mins, 67, Dalglish 64.

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# RACE FOR THE PLAY-OFFS . . .

**AS the 1979 North American Soccer League regular season runs down into its final weeks the race for play-off positions is becoming much clearer.**

In the National Conference, New York, Washington, Minnesota, Vancouver and Los Angeles all appear certain to be in the end of season race for — Soccer Bowl 79, all that remains to be decided is how the teams will pair off. In the meantime the race is still on for second place in the Central Division and the two wild card spots.

New York and Washington will finish one and two in the Eastern Division, Vancouver and Los Angeles are still fighting it out for top spot in the Western Division and Minnesota have the Central Division all wrapped up. But below the Minnesota Kicks there is a neck and neck race for second place between Tulsa and Dallas with Tulsa currently having a slight edge.

In the competition for the two wild card places, that is for teams finishing out of the top two in their division but having the next highest number of points over the whole conference, Toronto and the loser of the Tulsa-Dallas contest look to be in control but Seattle are not out of the picture yet.

Over in the rival American Conference it's Tampa Bay, Fort Lauderdale, California, San Diego and the surprising Houston Hurricane in the drivers seat with once again a close race in the Central Division for second place behind the Hurricane between Chicago and Detroit. New England and the loser of the Chicago-Detroit battle look to be the wild card teams.

## Predicted

But back to the Houston Hurricane, the team with the best record in the league at this time and a team most people predicted would finish out of the play offs before the season began.

Coached by Timo Liekoski, who was born in Finland but has lived for many years in the United States, the Hurricane at this time have won 19 games and lost but five.

It is a team without stars, who seem to be at a loss to explain their own success, except to suggest that it might be due to the fact that most of the players played together in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the winter.

Goalkeeper Paul Hammond, once with Crystal Palace and then with Tampa Bay when they won the NASL championship in 1975, has added steadiness and experience behind a back four of Ian Anderson, Stewart Jump, Matt O'Sullivan and Howie Charbonneau, the last two being Americans.

Anderson, who has been the inspiration and drive behind this team once played for St. Johnstone, while Stewart Jump's main claim to fame is that he played in Stoke City's team that won the Football League Cup in 1972.

In midfield the Hurricane have usually featured Dale Russell, a citizen of Bermuda who somehow contrived to represent the United States in two full internationals against Switzerland and Portugal last year,

## by Colin Jose

the talented Walter Schuberth who arrived by way of the German club Wormatia Worms along with Juan Carlos Michia one of quite a number of players in the NASL this year from the Argentinian club Quilmes.

Just recently the midfield has been strenghtened by the addition of another German player, Horst Bertl who at the height of his career played for Borussia Dortmund.

**One pleasant surprise for Liekoski has been the play of Kai Haaskivi, a former First Division player in Finland, who joined the Hurricane before the season began from Dallas. Haaskivi has played in midfield and in the attack along with former Uruguayan international Ruben Morales and Argentinian Eduardo Marasco.**

Houston also have US star Kyle Rote on their roster but he has been unable to command a regular place in the team and has yet to score a goal. Just to underline the team aspect in Houston despite having the best record in the league they do not have one player among the top ten scorers even in their conference.

However, as the Hurricane roll along attracting little attention and playing before crowds averaging just over 5,000 in the vast Astrodome, the New York Cosmos continue their saga half a continent away hitting the headlines almost every day it seems not as a result of outstanding play, but usually as a result of some controversial incident.

The latest in the series came in a brawl filled game at Giants Stadium during which the game was delayed for 15 minutes as a fight broke out between the Cosmos and the Vancouver Whitecaps.

It all started with New York's Iranian defender Eskendarian hacking at Willie Johnston's legs as he dribbled the ball. Eventually both players fell to the ground throwing punches, then as the players from both teams milled around Vancouver's John Craven and the Cosmos Giorgio Chinaglia exchanged punches. All four were sent off.

Shortly after the fight broke out Pele (who had been sitting in street clothes on the Cosmos bench) ran onto the field with the intention of breaking up the fight. He was escorted off by the police and then a number of spectators ran onto the field and attacked referee Keith Styles.

## Events

When order had been restored the Whitecaps went on to win 4-2 thus handing the Cosmos their second home defeat in a row. In addition it was the second time this season that the Whitecaps had beaten the Cosmos, having won 4-1 in Vancouver earlier in the season.

The Cosmos hierarchy were not at all happy with the events of the day placing the blame on referee Keith Styles and the Whitecaps for the rough play and allowing the game to get out of hand.

Technical director Julio Mazzei said afterwards: "We are not asking for protection but for fairness. I ask the referees to be fair because we and other franchises are trying to build up soccer in this country. We want to play soccer, not ice hockey . . . soccer, a game of beauty with finesse and skill. We want the other teams when they play against us to play soccer . . . that's all we ask."

Eight days before the game with Vancouver the Cosmos players had been involved in another incident this time during training as a result of which two stadium workers were taken to hospital. The problem appears to have started with the workers taunting the players and ended with Chinaglia and Antonio Carbognani in the stands and an ensuing scuffle.

Around the rest of the league the Minnesota Kicks are enjoying their finest season ever, while shortly after Edmonton had beaten the league record for the most consecutive defeats their highly rated Dutch coach Hans Kraay resigned. Argentinian Oscar Fabbiani of Tampa Bay has closed in on Giorgio Chinaglia for the scoring lead with 21 goals in 20 games as against Chinaglia's 23 goals in 22 games.

# CANADA NAME 18

**THE Canadian Soccer Association has announced the names of the 18 players who are expected to represent Canada in the FIFA World Youth Tournament in Japan in August and September.**

**Included in the 18 names are a number of players who are on the rosters of North American Soccer League clubs. Most notable among these being goalkeeper Chris Turner, of the San Jose Earthquakes, who has been the club's regular goalkeeper throughout most of the current season.**

**Others include Ian Bridge, a centre back with the Seattle Sounders, who has taken over from Mike England in recent weeks, striker Branko Segota who has been outstanding during the latter weeks of the season for the Rochester Lancers, Danny Lenarduzzi, David McGill, Gerry Gray and Brent Barling all with the Vancouver Whitecaps, Michael Sephton (Seattle Sounders), Graham Hately (Toronto Blizzard) and Paul Roe (Edmonton Drillers).**

**The players will go first to Hong Kong for acclimatisation and a series of games and during that time the deadline for naming the 18 players to FIFA will be reached. Therefore barring injuries these 18 will represent Canada in Japan where the Canadians are in a group with Paruguay, the Republic of Korea and Portugal. The Canadians will play their group games in Kobe.**

**There is still one problem, however, and that is that Turner, Segota, Lenarduzzi and Gray have not been released by their clubs at this time because the NASL season is still on. Therefore it is possible that Canada could go into this crucial tournament minus four of their top players, a matter that has the CSA deeply concerned.**

# What lies in store at City

## by BRIAN GLANVILLE

Manchester City manager Malcolm Allison.

**SENTIMENT should, I suppose, have no part in professional football: yet without it, professional football crumbles. It is a curious amalgam of the mercenary and the altruistic. However absurd it may, on the face of it, seem, players do become attached to certain clubs, do feel loyal to them, do want to stay with them, do feel a certain obligation to their fans.**

Thus, even in Italy, the case of three of the greatest post war players is highly relevant. Gianni Rivera has just retired after nineteen extraordinary years with Milan, and will stay with the club, just as his eternal rival, Sandrino Mazzola, has stayed with Internazionale, the club he joined as a boy, after spending the whole of his refulgent career with them.

Gigi Riva, a Northerner who found fame and fortune in Sardinia with Cagliari, remains there as their general manager, and has had much to do with their return to Serie A, the First Division, this year.

Against all this you can, of course, put the example of Giacomini, manager of Udinese, who had barely brought the team into the First Division, ahead of Cagliari, when he had agreed to take over Milan.

There was bitterness, inevitably; Udinese said he had agreed to stay with them. Quite true, said Giacomini; but that was before Milan came along. Incidentally, he was once a Milan reserve player, in Rivera's time, making but one Championship appearance.

All this brings me to the sad case of Manchester City. Sad for me, certainly. Sad for their supporters. Sad, though they may feel happier now, for Peter Barnes and Gary Owen, late of Maine Road, where they began as boys, now both of West Bromwich Albion.

Talking frequently to both of them on the recent England European Tour, when Owen had signed, but Barnes had still to move, their pain and bewilderment was obvious. Neither had in the least wanted to go; and what club in its senses, one wondered, would have forced them out?

Each — as evidenced by his very presence on the tour — was among the most gifted of his English generation, each was young, each was deeply attached to Manchester City, where Barnes' father, Ken, was still the chief scout.

To throw out, against their will, two players who were, most priceless thing of all, devoted club men, seemed beyond rational explanation. It reminded me of the old Roman saying, those whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad.

In what appears to have been a confused and emotional Press Conference, Peter Swales, City's agreeable Chairman, announced that Malcolm Allison, recalled in mid-season, would now have full powers over the team, at the expense of Tony Book, once his protégé at Bath, Plymouth . . . and Maine Road.

I should feel pretty confused myself after selling two of England's finest young players. What new stratagems lie in store? Last season, in the UEFA Cup quarter finals against Borussia Munchengladbach, Allison dropped experienced men and threw in young players who had scarcely, or never, played in the first team.

City were predictably brushed aside. New strategies were canvassed; nothing of consequence emerged. Brian Kidd, much to the dismay of his City colleagues, was allowed to move to Everton, where his head, his strong left foot, his constant hard challenge, will make life easier for Bob Latchford. Now Owen and Barnes have gone.

I wish no harm at all to Book, to Swales, to Allison, to City. But I think that our football has been impoverished and diminished by what happened to Owen and to Barnes; and I still feel very unhappy about it.

**My knowledgeable colleague John Fairgrieve, of the Glasgow *SUNDAY MAIL*, knows better than to stop the intellectual dishonesty as he did when he answered my recent strictures on Scottish supporters at Wembley.**

As I pointed out at the time, Scottish journalists every bit as patriotic and respected as they are among those most severe in their criticism of this brutal, bi-annual, hooliganism. Shame on him, then, for introducing the cheap red herring of English supporters' behaviour on the Continent.

I am not prepared to defend it for a moment but, like the flowers that bloom in the Spring, tra-la, it has nothing to do with the case. Besides, had he read me a little more carefully, he would have seen that I suggested for the Glasgow hordes precisely the treatment meted out to Mancheshter United supporters. I have also, in the past, advocated the banning of supporters' travel to all matches in England.

Going back a little further still, in the good cause of leaving Mr. Fairgrieve with abundant egg on his face, in 1972 I took up the cudgels in the *SUNDAY TIMES* on behalf of Glasgow Rangers, banned by UEFA officially for two years from European competition, because of their supporters' excesses after the European Nations Cup Winners' Cup Final in Barcelona, won against Moscow Dynamo (but lost against the Spanish police).

Writers of Mr. Fairgrieve's experience and influence should be facing the problem seriously — as the Scottish F.A. itself is now publicly doing — rather than try to make cheap capital out of it.

**Twenty-two years ago, the so called Trio of Death, Humberto Maschio, Antonio Valentin Angelillo and Omar Enrique Sivori, left their native Buenos Aires for Italian football, having just given Argentina the 1957 South American Championship; which used to count for something, then.**

The so called Angels with Dirty Faces were very young at the time, Angelillo, himself, not being even 20, and their departure ripped the heart out of the Argentine 1958 World Cup team.

Maschio joined Bologna, and wept every night. Angelillo went to Milan to play for Inter, gritted his teeth, decided to make the best of it; and is still in Italy as manager of the Pescara team which has just come up into the First Division.

Sivori, the most successful of them all on the playing field, at once won a Championship medal with Juventus, playing alongside John Charles, and since then has run a kind of shuttle service between Italy and Buenos Aires, with one distinguished period as manager of the Argentine international team.

Now Angelillo has been recalling those early days in Italy when, as he says, "I got there too young . . . I remember as if it were yesterday. I was dazed, I could scarcely understand what had happened, at least I had Humberto with me, but he landed up in Bologna; I didn't even know where Bologna was."

Maschio never did settle down in Italy, though he stayed there a long while and, like the other two, controversially wore the colours of the Italian national team; suffering that infamous left hook from Leonel Sanchez in the 1962 Battle of Santiago, which broke his nose. Angelillo in season 1958-59 set the record of 33 goals in a season with Inter; only for Milan, their city rivals, to carry off the title!

Later, he would play four seasons with Roma, though they brought him only 27 goals. When he went back to Milan, it was to play for A.C. Milan. Probably he'd have stayed with Inter, but the cyclonic Helenio Herrera arrived; and blew him away. He was not Herrera's kind of complaisant, forelock tugging, hard running player. Indeed, after Sandrino Mazzola had moved to inside-forward, Herrera's Inter never did find a centre-forward of true quality.

Now Angelillo is a manager himself; and Pescara, from the Abruzzi, will be playing Inter.

# IT'S ALL CHANG MENOTTI PLAN

**BOLIVIA 2, ARGENTINA 1. This shock result opened the South American Championship in La Paz (Bolivia) on July 19. It may have come as a surprise to the rest of the world, but not so much to the Argentines themselves. The surprise for them came 11 days earlier when national team coach, Luis Menotti picked the squad which was going to represent the World Cup holders in the continental tournament.**

## by ERIC WEIL

While it had been rumoured earlier that Menotti would try out new players in the championship, Argentine FA president, Julio Grondona, had assured everybody they would give all priority to the championship, excluding only junior players (such as Maradona), who were then preparing for the Junior World Cup finals in Japan.

But when he announced the 18 names they included only one World Cup player, captain and defender Passarella, who Menotti explained later stayed on as his right-hand man and on-field general and one other player with recent international experience on Argentina's tour of Europe—defender Villaverde, who later failed to go to La Paz due to injury.

The rest—Ferrero (Rosario Central), Vidalle (Gimnasia), the goalkeepers, Saporiti (River Plate), Bujedo (Racing, Cordoba), Van Tuyne (Rosario Central), Bordon (Boca Juniors), Gaspari (Quilmes), Gaitan (Rosario Central), Larraquy (Velez Sarsfield), Fven (Independiente—also injured before the match), C. Lopez (Racing), Castro (Rosario Cent.), Coscia (San Lorenzo Fortunato (Estudiantes), Trama (Rosar Central), R. Diaz (Racing)—were all goo players, but without international experienc Furthermore, they had exactly 10 days prepare for the match.

Menotti had said after the June 25 Wor Cup anniversary match against the Rest the World team in Buenos Aires, that now t festivities were over, so were the wor champions and a new selection process wou start. He was, by no means, implying that t entire old squad would be thrown overboar but he wanted to see new players in action international level and not those he alread knew what they were capable of.

He was also afraid at the time of st players being transferred abroad and wante to have at least four international experienced players for each position . . . b he picked the wrong time to pick a new tean

Maradonna in action for Argentina against the Rest of the World.

# GAS AHEAD

# News from South America

Passarella, captain of Argentina.

especially with Brazil in the same preliminary group, they having prepared their strongest team months ahead for the event.

Argentina's record in Bolivia is not good—in four World Cup preliminary group games they have won twice and lost twice—nor is that of most other countries, as the 4,000 metre altitude of La Paz hampers most visiting players.

In the event, Menotti picked inexperienced, fast players when what was needed in the rarified atmosphere of La Paz were skilful, experienced men who knew how to make the ball do the work and use their energy sparingly.

After Argentina took a five-minute lead through midfielder Carlos Lopez, Bolivia soon gained midfield control without really playing outstandingly well. They hit the posts twice before equlising, and just when it looked like going to a draw—which have have favoured the Argentines—Passarella, of all people, made the mistake which let in Reynaldo to score his and Bolivia's sensational winner.

Most of the Argentine players said that soon after half-time they felt really exhausted—which did not quite check with the run of the play. Argentina played their best soccer in the last 20 minutes, but maybe Bolivia let them as they fell back to hold on to their 2-1 lead.

Perhaps Argentina's full World Cup squad might also have fallen victims to the rarified air, although I'm sure they would have played the match in a different way.

The real problem is the current team's chances against Brazil, because Argentina has a proud record in the South American Championship, having won it more than any other country—12 times, one more than Uruguay . . . with Brazil well behind with only three victories.

And elsewhere. **Columbia's** preparations have not been smooth. Firstly, Deportivo Cali and America, the clubs which tied first place in the opening championship and had to play a two-legged play-off, refused to release their players—six and four respectively—for the 22-man squad. Then, the 22 players walked out when the Colombian FA turned a deaf ear to their demands for higher payment...and Yugoslav coach, Vlagoje Vidinic, sympathized with the players and was on the point of resigning.

The players eventually returned to training under threat of sanctions, but in the meantime Deportivo Cali left to play in the United States, taking its six internationals with them. Colombia drew twice with the Spanish Under-23 team, 1-1 (in Bogotá) and 0-0 (in Caracas), and hardly improved when beating a mediocre Uruguay 1-0 in the first leg of the "Pinto Duran" Cup.

**Chile's** team has a musical director apart from a technical director, as they call coaches here. Coach Luis Santibanez wants a happy, singing squad and therefore has put Folklore singer, Pedro Messone on his staff to lead the singing at training camp.

**Paraguay** was preparing under its third national team coach this year, Ranulfo Miranda, following poor performances against Brazil (0-6) and Bolivia (1-3).

**THE URUGUAYAN FA expects their "Gold Cup" tournament, which it will stage for World Cup winners Uruguay, Italy, Brazil, West Germany, England and Argentina from December 28, 1980, to January 10, 1981, will cost in the region of 2.2 million dollars.**

**Further details announced:—Participants will play in two groups of three with the winners meeting in the final. Each country will receive 150,000 dollars and the eventual winner a further 70,000 dollars.**

# Champion– that's Cruz

**CRUZ AZUL won the 1978/9 Mexican First Division, beating Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) 2-0 in an exciting final in which both teams played attractive, attacking soccer.**

**The match, however, was almost suspended in the first half when a bottle thrown by a spectator hit a player and the referee did not want to carry on.**

**Defenders twice cleared the Cruz Azul goal-line, but Cruz Azul had chances, too, with "Gato" (cat) Marin outstanding in the UNAM goal before Jara Zaguier scored the first goal 20 minutes from the end, and Lopez Salgado the second two minutes into extra time added on for stoppages.**

**Cruz Azul and UNAM had won their respective four-team semi-final groups with the former beating Toluca 1-0 on the last day to finish three points ahead, but Toluca would have qualified if the result had been the other way round. Jara Zaguier had also scored the vital goal after 29 minutes.**

**Meanwhile, UNAM only qualified on goal difference after losing 2-0 to Unicersidad de Leon, who moved up to share first place, but with a 7-6 goals record compared to UNAM's 9-6, Universidad de Nuevo Leon would have had to win by a four-goal margin to reach the final.**

**GUADALAJARA have signed Uruguayan coach, Carlos Miloc for next season at an apparent record monthly salary of 23,000 dollars, according to the club's president, Cuevas Calvillo. Miloc had coached Universidad de Nuevo Leon for the past two seasons, taking them to the championship in the first year and close again this time.**

**BRAZIL retained the Pan American Games soccer title at San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a 3-0 victory over Cuba in the final. The winners were perhaps the only team which showed any good team soccer and individual ability.**

**Argentina, also with a team of experienced players, took third place with a 2-0 victory over Costa Rica after a lot more had been expected from them.**

**Brazil won their five games easily with a 14-1 goals record.**

**The tournament, in which nine countries participated—Argentina, Brazil, Bermuda, United States, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Cuba and Puerto Rico—is, like the Olympic Games, ostensibly for amateurs, but perhaps the soccer played—in front of very small crowds because the game is hardly known in Puerto Rico—was the only amateurish thing about it.**

**The irregularity started with the South American Junior Championship earlier this year, which is open to professionals up to the age of 19 and was used as a qualifying tournament for the Pan American Games, which are also for amateurs, but with no age limit. The top five qualified for Puerto Rico.**

**Winners Uruguay withdrew because, their FA said, the team was not strictly amateur. Other qualifiers were not that honest and although Chile also pulled out because their players had falsified passports to make them appear under 19 at the South American Championship, which, with no age limit, would have been of no concern of the Games authorities in Puerto Rico.**

**Second-placed Argentina did not send their second-placed junior selection, which would have included such players as Maradona (now earning 250,000 dollars a year) and Barbas and Simon, who were in the full national team squad on their recent European tour. Instead, they sent a squad of provincial players, including half a dozen from Talleres of Cordoba, one of the best teams in the country. If they were not professionals, they never will be. In fact, midfielder Gasparini caught the eye of West Bromwich Albion officials in Puerto Rico, according to reports.**

**But the Argentine team, not very thoroughly prepared, failed to live up to expectations. They were kept out of the final by Cuba who held them 0-0. Cuba then beat the US 5-0 after Argentina had only managed the same game by 4-0, and were thus eliminated on goal-average, although they also went through the tournament undefeated, having won four and drawn one game.**

**Cuba, of course, has no recognised professional sport, as is the case in Communist countries, and they presumably fielded a national team which showed good tactics, especially in defence, to make up for their lack of individual talent. They are, nevertheless, one of the few countries to have shown improvement in the "amateur" field, as well as the united States, while such formerly strong countries as Brazil, Uruguay (twice Olympic champions) and Argentina are playing little attention to their amateur game.**

Emlyn Hughes ended a long association with Liverpool when he joined Wolverhampton Wanderers for a fee of £90,000. Hughes, the England captain, feels that he can still compete in the First Division and hold down a place in the national team.

## Names in the news . . .

*OSWALDO BRANDAO was first choice for managerless Velez Sarsfield in Argentina . . . OMAR SIVORI attacked Cesar Menotti for claiming his Racing BA players for so many national squad sessions . . . F. K. Austria's bid for FERNANDO MORENA, the transfer-listed Penarol centre-forward, has fallen through . . . Vasco da Gama full-back ABEL has joined Paris Saint-Germain . . . CLAUDIO COUTINHO has turned down an offer from Saudi Arabia . . . Sao Paulo boss RUBENS MINELLI is going out instead . . . CARLOS CASZELY agreed to return to the Chilean national squad after all . . . TOMAS POSPICHAL, Czech outside-right in the 1962 World Cup Final, is now managing Bohemians Prague – FERENC PUSKAS is to manage Egyptian club Port Said . . . HUGO ARRUA has returned home to Cerro Porteno of Paraguay from Zaragoza . . . OREST LENCZYK has quit as coach to dethroned Polish champions Wisla Krakow to take over Slask Wroclaw . . . Spanish referee JOSE NAVARRETTE has quit in disgust at players "50 per cent of whom don't know the rules" . . . Tunisian World Cup winger TEMIME has joined Marseille . . . JOAO LEIVINHA has left Athletic Madrid for Sao Paulo . . . ex-International defender JUAN SEGARRA is new boss of Barcelona's affiliated junior side, Barcelona Atletico . . . CARLOS REXACH has signed a new two-year contract with CFB . . . RUDI ELSENER has quit Eintracht Frankfurt after only a year to return to Switzerland with Zurich . . . French International midfielder JEAN-MARC GUILLOU has joined Xamax Neuchatel in Switzerland . . . RAUL BETANCOR has quit as manager of Uruguay . . . West German police tests proved that SEPP MAIER was well below the blood alcohol limit when his car crashed . . . EMLYN HUGHES, long-serving Liverpool and England defender, has joined Wolves for £90,000 . . . DIETER HOENESS scored his first home goal for Bayern Munich in the 5-0 thrashing of Nottingham Forest.*

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LUIS CUBILLA was the roly-pol outside-right with a deceptive amour of skill and subtlety who played fo years in clubs all over Latin Americ and in Europe with Barcelona.

His "Indian Summer" came in th 1970 World Cup Finals, when h helped Uruguay to fourth place.

Yet none of his playing successes with Penarol or Nacional in Uruguay o River Plate in Argentina or Barcelon can compare with the coup he has nov pulled off as manager of Olimpia o Asuncion.

For Olimpia, the Paraguayan outsiders, are new champions o South America after beating holders Boca Juniors 2-0, 0-0, in the final of the Libertadores Cup — a totally unexpected triumph.

Cubilla, more rotund than ever, took immense pains in his efforts to inspire his outsiders to provide Argentine football's first setback for several years — at international level at least. He travelled regularly to Buenos Aires to spy on Boca in their semi-finals, though the final was no strolling win.

Two players from either side were sent off in the second leg, in Boca's Bombonera, while play was interrupted because of crowd trouble. And Cubilla made his intentions obvious early on when, an attacking start having brought no goals, he pulled off one of his two forwards to send on an extra defender.

One factor was often forgotten about Olimpia during their progress to the title — they have a pedigree in the Libertadores Cup. After all, they were runners-up to Penarol in the first competition in 1960.

Now it will be interesting to see if they can set up a world club cup clash with Nottingham Forest . . . and welcome Cubilla back to Europe.

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SYMPATHY everywhere in the football world following the death of Sandor Kocsis. The man who set a record of 11 goals in the 1954 World Cup Finals, the man who was an integral part of the Magnificent Magyars of that era, a star with Honved and later one of the untouchables at Barcelona in their halcyon days in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Kocsis, who owned several restaurants in Barcelona, had been ill for a long time. Recently he returned briefly — and for the first time since before the Hungarian revolution — to his native Budapest in the hope of successful treatment.

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# UMPIA OF ASUNCION

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To no avail. And on Monday, July 23, Kocsis fell (or jumped) from a window of a Barcelona clinic. The 51-year-old who won 68 caps for Hungary, left a widow and three children.

He also left some indelible memories . . . of his role in destroying England in 1953, and of the four European Cup goals he hit against Wolves at Molineux six years later.

Another death, this time hitting Rumanian football: Aurel Radulescu of Cup Final runners-up Sportul Studentescu, was killed by a train in Hanover during a close-season tour of West Germany. Radulescu, 26, and team-mate Constantin Stroe woke just as the train their team-mates had left, was about to pull out of the station.

Both jumped from the train, with fatal results. Radulescu was dragged under the wheels and killed instantly. Stroe was in hospital for a fortnight.

Radulescu left a widow who was shortly expecting their first child.

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ISN'T IT about time some concerted effort was made to bring dope-testing rules and regulations up to standard through the FIFA world?

After the farcical incidents surrounding the attempted dope test at the Anderlecht-Barcelona Cup-winners' tie last season, the Willie Johnston incident and various other rumours, it's high time for action.

The confusion over the importance and danger of doping is clear from the muddled way national associations disagree over the size of the problem.

Even where there are administrators sensible enough to try to implement regular testing — as in Italy already — the clubs often subvert the intentions. That's happening in Spain, where the federation wanted to introduce random testing from the start of the new season, but the clubs have pushed everything back at least a year (in the hope that it might be forgotten?)

Alarming comments have come from Argentina in the past few weeks. First Luis Artime alleged that a substance was offered to his club president to "help" his players at Atlanta, then a one-time River Plate colleague of Artime, ex-international Hugo Solari claimed that up to 90 per cent of Argentine players took drugs of one form or another.

WHAT is it about New York Cosmos and their players' marriages? While Franz Beckenbauer and his wife seem further than ever from a reconciliation, there's news of the impending Pele divorce. It seems the Brazilian's wife, Rosemary, is claiming half his earnings during their marriage which, according to her estimates, means she's after a cool £25m.!

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SO Real Madrid's grandiose ideas for the Santiago Bernabeu Tournament which might be the forerunner for a European league, have been well and truly stripped.

The competition will go ahead between August 31 and September 2, but squashed only into the format standard to all the Spanish summer tournaments — two semi-finals on separate days, then a double-header of third-place match and final.

Contestants will be Madrid, Ajax, Bayern and Milan.

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WHILE on the subject of Real Madrid, skipper Jose Pirri has said this will be his last season.

And when he's packed up, the last remaining link will have gone with the team of the early 1960s. For, if Pirri joined Madrid after Di Stefano left, at least Puskas and Santamaria were still around.

In fact, Pirri took Puskas's No. 10 shirt for a while before moving back to attacking right-half and then sweeper.

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CONTROVERSY over yellow cards. They've now been accepted in England, but in Brazil are to be phased out.

The Brazilian reasoning is that misbehaviour on the football pitch has reached such a stage the warnings implicit in the waving of a yellow card mean nothing.

Far more honest, say the Brazilians, for the referees to tell any player he's running into trouble, than go through the crowd-stimulating histrionics of plucking out the yellow card.

That way, CBD officials hope to increase the deterrent effect of possible expulsion because, without yellow cards, players won't be able to gauge so easily the risk of being shown a red one.

The coloured cards were first introduced by FIFA for the 1970 World Cup as a means of clarification of bookings — a necessary adjunct in these days when the totting-up of bookings brings suspension.

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ITALIAN transfer fees used to be the most outrageous in Europe. Now that mantle has shifted to England and fees in Italy appear to be coming down.

These were the top deals this summer:

| Player | Fee | From | To |
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| Paolo Rossi | £300,000* | Lanerossi | Perugia |
| Tavola | £550,000 | Atalanta | Juventus |
| Damiani | £460,000 | Genoa | Lazio |
| Ancelotti | £460,000 | Parma | Roma |
| Savoldi | £340,000 | Napoli | Bologna |
| Guidetti | £260,000 | Lanerossi | Napoli |
| Caso | £200,000 | Napoli | Inter |
| Speggiorin | £200,000 | Perugia | Napoli |
| Benetti | £130,000 | Juventus | Roma |

*Fee paid for one year's loan!

## We told you

*Five years ago . . . that Alfredo Di Stefano had taken over as boss of Sporting Lisbon . . . that Gerd Muller, Jürgen Grabowski and Wolfgang Overath had confirmed their West German national team retirements . . . and that Don Revie was already getting down to work as new England manager.*

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*Ten years ago . . . that Uruguay had already qualified for the 1970 World Cup Finals . . . that Lajos Baroti had turned down the job of Poland team boss . . . that 10 of Spain's 16 first division clubs had replaced their managers . . . that Rio's Maracan stadium had topped 58 million fans since 1950.*

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*Fifteen years ago . . . that Stanley Matthews would retire at the end of the season . . . that Sweden had discovered a new star forward in Roger Magnusson . . . that English coach Jack Mansell had returned to Holland with Telstar . . . that Juventus had signed the Franco-Argentine centre-forward Nestor Combin from Lyon . . . and that Spain's players had received a £7,350 bonus for winning the Nations' Cup.*

# Dobrin — the survivor

ONLY two players have survived the seven years between Arges Pitesti's first championship title in Romania and their second at the end of last season. They are Ivan II and Dobrin.

Captain and full-back Ivan II and Dobrin the midfield schemer also had a third colleague from that earlier success in the shape of coach Florin Halagian who has fashioned his team from the club's nursery run by Leonte Ianovschi.

Ianovschi has been responsible for developing the talents of names like Radu II, Cirstea, Toma, Moisescu, M. Zamfir, Speriatu, Christian, Stancu, Barbulescu, Turcu, Chivescu and Radu III.

## Average

The average age of the team is only 24 and most of them have been playing together since they were in the juniors. Much credit is also reflected on the work of Halagian who has been instrumental in the tactical strength built around Dobrin.

Arges achieved some decisive results against their closest rivals last season, beating Dinamo 1-0 in Pitesti, 4-2 in Bucharest; Steaua 2-1 in Bucharest and 1-0 in Pitesti.

Consistency also proved a useful weapon for the team which also formed the skeleton of the Olympic side, even when they suffered some set-backs including the failure in Miskolc against Hungary in an Olympic qualifying match.

Only one team scored more goals than Arges and that was Steaua who finished three ahead of them with 57 goals. And the 29 the Pitesti club conceded was only bettered by Universitatea Craiova and Dinamo.

Arges based their tactics on the balance of their midfield and the ingenious use of counter attacks through Doru Nicolae's speed on the wing and the goal sense of centre-forward Radu II who finishd as top scorer in the championship with 22 goals.

## Decades

Dobrin, freely regarded as the best Romanian player for the last two decades, made his debut for Arges when he was barely 16 years old in 1962. By 18 he was starring in the national side against West Gemany in Ludwigshafen.

A merited master of sports, 50 times capped for his country, Nicolae Dobrin is still an outstanding performer at nearly 33.

Arges are back in the Champions Cup this season with a reminder that in 1972/73 they were knocked out by Real Madrid but only by the odd goal after taking a 2-1 lead in Pitesti and losing 3-1 in Madrid.

# NEHODA — AND THE

## Keir Radnedge

A LEGAL mind appears to be one of the qualities necessary now to make a success of life in the penalty box.

That's the flippant conclusion, at least, to be drawn if you take a look at football's top scorers.

Claudio Sulser, of Grasshoppers, snatched the goals which earned a path to last season's Champions' Cup quarter finals in between driving to and forth from Zurich to St Gallen in pursuit of his lawyer's training.

There's a similar tale to be told, too, for Zdenek Nehoda, captain of Czechoslovakia and well on course for a record number of caps before he concentrates on a career which could hardly be further removed from the vibrant enthusiasm of the football pitches.

Not that Nehoda has had a lot of time to give his law education at Prague university. After all, he is kept pretty busy by his club — the army team Dukla — and by national manager Josef Venglos.

In just over a year the national team have played 20 matches of one kind or another in the European championship, friendlies and training matches against club sides at home and — during the spring — in South America.

That's meant the sort of travelling which has pushed more than the law into the background. It's meant Nehoda has had little enough time to spare for his wife and their two sons — and that's what hurts the most.

"Most of the time you can push it all to the back of your mind," he says. "But then it hits you harder — especially after you've lost a game. It's when you're at a low ebb that you start to think about the sacrifices it means being a footballer."

## Welcome

They are sacrifices Nehoda has been making for eight years now, and there's a long way yet to go, for the man born in a little village in Moravia on May 9, 1952. Being only 27 Nehoda has possibly yet to approach his peak — a welcome thought for Venglos as he plots the Czechs' path towards Italy next summer in defence of their hard-won European championship title.

For Nehoda is a key man.

English fans had a chance to understand why at the end of last year, when the Czechs came to Wembley and were unfortunate to lose 1-0. Only fine goalkeeping by Peter Shilton — Nehoda was a victim in the first half — had kept England in the game by half-time.

That was the night when the 'super-studs', giving instant grip on the frozen surface, made the Czechs appear as nimble as mountain goats while England struggled to keep their feet.

They were unbalanced conditions perfectly made for Nehoda and Slovan winger Marian Masny to slice away at the English defence. Stefan Kovacs, the little Rumanian who made his name with Ajax before guiding France, is a great admirer of the Nehoda-Masny duo.

"There's only one other pair like them Europe," he says, "and that's Italy's Pa Rossi and Roberto Bettega."

Nehoda readily admits the enjoyment receives playing alongside Masny — but t feeling is mutual, for the Dukla cent forward has an inbuilt understanding of t demands of centre forward play in t modern game.

He's not so strongly built that he can crus his way through tackles, he prefers the mo subtle approach. Wandering intelligent from one flank to another he is well able employ a sound two-footed approach, able t lay off the ball to his wingers or supportin midfielders with either foot with equ precision.

## Suffocate

He's not bad in the air, either.

And as Everton and Stuttgart discovered i the UEFA Cup last season, it doesn't pay t try to suffocate Nehoda out of a game. Face with that sort of challenge he shields the ba and twists and turns to try to provoke th body-checks and the trips which then become the only way to hold him and thus present h team with a stream of free kicks in dangerou positions.

But Nehoda is far from being solely a creator.

"Sometimes I get out on the left wing, and stay there a while and the other team think my mind's not on the game," he says. "They couldn't be more wrong. There's only one thing on my mind throughout a match — getting the ball in the net. The only time I don't mind not scoring is when we win anyway."

It was Nehoda's facility near goal which first attracted Dukla after he played one season in the first division with Gottwaldov — the club from which, years before, they had made one of the greatest captures in right half Svatopluk Pluskal.

Within two years Nehoda was not only one of the most consistent marksmen in the (albeit low-scoring) league, but had made his international debut in the 1-1 draw against England in Prague on May 27, 1973.

## Bad spell

The game was preparation for a trio of World Cup qualifying ties, but though Nehoda scored in each match against Denmark, and Scotland home and away, it wasn't enough and they missed out on the trip to West Germany.

Not only was the national team going through a bad spell, so were Dukla. Their last championship was now back in 1966. True,

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they'd finished high enough to qualify for the UEFA Cup a couple of times since, but made little impression either in 1972-73 or 1974-75.

It was a bleak outlook when the Czechs began their 1974-76 European championship programme. Nehoda was overlooked as the national team made an awful start with a 3-0 defeat at England's hands at Wembley. But it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and that defeat — and the lack of attacking spirit displayed — forced manager Vaclav Jezek to think again about his team.

Nehoda has been a regular ever since.

## Run-up

He scored five times in the run-up to that dramatic final against West Germany in Belgrade. The Czechs won 5-3 on penalties after the game had finished 2-2 after extra time and while Nehoda didn't score during the 120 minutes he came close to settling the match at either end!

In the 68th minute he placed a header past Sepp Maier but against the post, and then, back in his own penalty area defending inadvertently got in the way of a screaming drive from Rainer Bonhof and diversion forced a brilliant save from goalkeeper Ivo Viktor.

At least Nehoda proved when it came to the penalties that he has a cool head. It was to him that the task fell of taking the Czechs' second kick. He gave Maier no chance.

Nehoda looks back now on 1976 as the best days of his career.

"We were really flying high," he says. "We all found exceptional form together. But you can't keep it up for ever. We lost three of our best players — Viktor, Capkovic and Ondrus — because of injury, and that destroyed the style of our team. That's why we didn't get past Scotland and couldn't qualify for Argentina last year.

## Defeat

"When we lost to the Scots we all took defeat so badly. After all, the one thing about which every player dreams is appearing in the World Cup Finals. . . ."

But, well placed now to head Sweden, France and Luxembourg and go on to Italy to the restyled European finals next June, Nehoda has a warning for anyone who may cross the Czechs' path.

**"We're now coming again to a period just like 1976. We haven't won all our games lately, but the important factor is that Dr Venglos has had time in which to work, and we've got a lot of our old style and rhythm back. We're not afraid now to take the game to anyone — just as we did against England at Wembley.**

"We made a good start by beating Sweden in the first qualifying match. That virtually put them out of the competition right at the start. France are the most dangerous now. They're a good team — I enjoyed watching on television their games in the World Cup last eyar.

"I like Platini and that winger Amisse. But I don't know many of the others. They're badly short of an out-and-out goal-scorer. We found when we beat them 2-0 earlier this year that they mess about too much trying to get into ideal positions to have a shot.

## Acumen

"At international level now you can't afford that."

Nehoda should know. In his 55 internationals he's scored 18 goals and might have had a few more if he hadn't been injured in the 2-0 win over France, for Luxembourg were the Czechs' next rivals and even without Nehoda's penalty box acumen they won comfortably 3-0. He might well have added to the score. . . .

His leg injury against the French — he had to limp off after an hour — was nothing like as disastrous for the national team however, as it nearly proved for Dukla.

In the first half of the season Nehoda scored 10 times to take Dukla well on the way towards their second championship in three years, and ensure for himself the annual Footballer of the Year award.

Nehoda gained 446 votes, well clear of Dukla right back Josef Barmos (383), Masny (359) and another Dukla colleague, Miroslav Gajdusek (320). He deserved the prize, 1978 had been an outstanding year, climaxed in September when scored against Kosice his 100th league goal — thus becoming, at 26, the youngest member of the "100 Club".

To have reached the magic three figures is no small honour in Czechoslovak football — as the government reception in March this proved, when all the surviving members of the Club were brought together and each presented with a football bearing caricatures of the members of the Club.

That award thus puts Nehoda on a par with pre-war greats such as Josef Silny — the first man to 100 — Antonin Puc and Oldrich Nejedly, even if he has a long way to go to catch the record of Josef Bican, who totalled 218 goals!

## Injury

But that party in March was the last celebrating Nehoda did for some time. His injury against France forced him to miss several vital league games, and in his absence Dukla stumbled then finally fell from grace at the top of the table, overtaken by Banik Ostrava.

With three matches to go it looked as if the miners would just hold off the soldiers, but then Nehoda returned to duty, scored seven goals in those three games and Dukla took the title on goal difference!

Zdenek Nehoda.

Nehoda finished top league scorer with 17 goals, out of Dukla's 65 — by far the best tally in the table.

Now the goalscorer supreme, yet in two years Nehoda hopes his qualifications will have come through to enable him to prepare for a legal career when football is finished.

In the meantime he and his colleagues are making out a good case why no one should underestimate Czechoslovakia's ability to successfully defend their European crown. . . .

## Stepanovic for City

**WITH more foreign players being introduced in England, the most interesting acquisition lately has been Manchester City's Dragoslav Stepanovic.**

**"He's a far better player than Dave Watson," said City's newly-promoted manager Malcolm Allison, after signing the £150,000 Yugoslav from West German second division side Wormatia Worms.**

**"In that case," retorted Watson on the eve of his debut in the unaccustomed role of sweeper for Bremen in a pre-season 0-0 draw with Leeds, "how come he's been playing second division football over here in Germany?**

**"Malcom's entitled to his opinion. But our manager said Bremen had the chance to buy Stepanovic for £25,000 last season, but preferred the trouble and expense of importing me."**

**Time will tell . . .**

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing presents the French Cup to Henri Michel after Nantes had beaten Auxerre 4-1.

# French hopes kept alive

by ANDRE DUCLOS

**IS THERE any European chance . . . for France? Mathematically, just about. Logically, very little. Victory in our September visit to Sweden is almost essential; and not impossible. In the following month comes the visit of Czechoslovakia, the holders and group favourites, to Paris.**

Again, victory would not be out of the question. The French team that went down 2-0 in Bratislava earlier this year was well below strength, and the Czechs, though very strong, are hardly unbeatable. The trouble is that we threw away a point at home to the Swedes in a silly 2-2 draw, while the Czechs went to Sweden and beat them. Luxemburg, the chopping block, effectively do little more in this group than merely make up the number; as they did in England's recent World Cup group, too.

Hopes of a win in Sweden may be raised, first by the fact that by then, Michel Platini and Dominique Rocheteau should have been playing plenty of club football together for Saint Etienne, and have sharpened their understanding accordingly, secondly that the Swedes are severely lacking these days in scoring power.

When they came to Paris last year, their attack was led by their powerful World Cup centre-forward Thomas Sjoberg, but Sjoberg now is sweating, and massively earning, in Arabia, when he is not sweating and earning, somewhat less massively, in Chicago, and for fiscal reasons he cannot return to Sweden. So much the better for our defence, and for our chances.

On the subject of Saint Etienne, who play the far from easy Lodz in the first round of the UEFA Cup, first leg in Poland, remember that something of what they have gained on the swings they've already lost on the roundabouts. They may have immensely strengthened their attack in signing Platini and Johnny Rep, but can they hope to find a true successor to the true motivating force of their European Cup run side, Osvaldo Piazza, who has returned to his native Argentina?

## Admired

Piazza, who was a centre-half in the modern manner, greatly given to dashing forays upfield, wasn't, I know, universally admired across the channel. "He was a big bully," said one Liverpool defender, I am told. "He was just in there to kick Toshy." Well, name me the Argentine defender who didn't kick on his day; but I think those who saw Piazza play against Bayern Munich in Glasgow in the Euro Final in 1976 will agree he had measurably more to offer than that.

Meanwhile, our League competition has recently shown all kinds of signs of degeneration and malaise. There has been the disappearance, for all useful purposes, of Paris FC, the strange case, of which much has already been made, of Gueugnon, the team that didn't want to grow up; or go up. And has, alas, virtually been dismembered for its pains.

Gueugnon it was, you will recall, which not only knocked mighty Saint Etienne out of the French Cup, but proceeded to win its region of the French Second Division. It then refused to be promoted because it did not want, indeed could not afford, to turn professional. The Groupement, or the League, failed to persuade it to change its mind, so down the Bourgogne club stayed; and off went several of its finest players.

On the old principle of if you can't beat them, join them, or at least get them to join you, Saint Etienne snapped up its star defender, Chaussin. The able goalkeeper, Blin, who had said he was quite happy to stay where he was, experienced a change of heart, and went off to play for Guingamp, in Britanny. Less well known, but very useful, was Trevino; he has gone south to Cannes. It seems unlikely that Gueugnon will, at the end of the current season, be faced by the strange predicament which faced them this year. Consolation of a sort, I suppose.

**None at all for Paris FC, relegated from the First Division; and cancelled out of football history. One or other of the Parisian clubs clearly had to go, and it is Paris Saint Germain, who held on to their First Division status, who will in consequence survive.**

It had grown very clear during the season that Paris just could not sustain two professional teams; at least when neither of them was successful. That the Parisian sports fan is a success snob has long been clear. Go to the top of the League, beat the best, and 40,000 of his kind will beat a path to the Parc des Princes. Struggle in the depths of the First Division and he will spurn you; the more so as neither club has much history.

Paris FC's death warrant as a professional club was swiftly written when the Pari municipality announced that it wa withdrawing its 2,500,000 francs annua subsidy and instead paying that sum plus it own 2.5 million to Paris Saint Germain. I return for this, Paris S-G would have to tak on Paris FC's debts, which amounted to th bagatelle of seven million francs. But this wa mitigated by the fact that Paris S-G inherite from Paris FC four well established players i Huck, Lech, Eo and Caron, who would o current market values be worth a good two million francs.

Little consolation for poor Paris FC was a Parisian ruling that their amateur teams could survive. The truth is that the club has been swallowed up alive; or moribund.

Of Laurent Pokou, the Ivory Coast international centre-forward, this column has often written. It will do so now; then do so no more. For Pokou has returned to Africa and his old team, ASEC Abidjan. They wanted him, Rennes didn't. Things had cooled since his two year suspension, later controversially commuted to six months, for striking a referee last December in a cup tie versus Saint Pol de Leon.

As we know, Pokou is a player of immense gifts, for whom injuries turned things sour in his spell with Nancy. For a while, he had justified all the good things expected and written of him in his Ivory Coast days. He gets a free transfer, but his club will play a friendly in Rennes as part of the deal, and Abidjan's best young player, the 23-year-old Touré, will probably join Rennes in the next two years. Goodbye, Pokou!

European Championship review by ERIC BATTY

# GROUPS STILL WIDE OPEN . . .

**APART from Group 3, where Spain have everything sewn up with a clear three point lead and only a home game with Yugoslavia and a visit to Cyprus to come, every group is still open to some degree in the European Championship.**

This is, of course, good for the game because it will mean big crowds for vital matches and, we hope, a lot of enterprising football at least from teams that must keep alive their flickering chances of reaching the last eight.

Italy qualified automatically as hosts although manager Enzo Bearzot is finding himself with a few headaches for results last season did not go too well.

Even Group 5, where Czechoslovakia have played three and won three for maximum points and have already hurdled two out of three away matches, is open. There is still a chance that France can catch them, assuming they beat the Czechs in Paris in November, assuming the French don't fall to Sweden, and the Czechs falter. I don't think for a minute that it will happen, but it is just possible. So, almost every group still has ifs and buts to be settled.

## Specialise

Just how much the game can change within a few months is demonstrated by my pretty poor attempt to tip the group winners when I surveyed this scene in 1978. As one who tries to specialise in football outside Great Britain, I ought to know better than most; one of my seven has definitely gone astray and two more are very doubtful indeed.

On my behalf, I would point out that the real disaster was to tip Yugoslavia to win Group 3. I came to this conclusion for two reasons. Firstly, because I hold Miljan Miljanic in the greatest esteem and, secondly, because I have followed the Yugoslav game a long time and been impressed by the ease with which they produce outstanding young players to replace the never ending stream of exports. I felt that it was time that they reversed their recent trend and hit a purple patch after being in the doldrums since 1974.

Miljanic only got the job from his FA after the Yugoslavs had dropped vital points at home to Spain and away to Rumania. It was perhaps these results that persuaded the trouble makers within the FA that Miljanic must be recalled.

## New team

He is now in the process of building a fine new team, one that was good enough to see off Italy last season but the emphatic margin of 4-1. But has it all happened too late?

Similarly, having seen the Czechs lay down and die away to Wales not long before I had grave doubts about their ability to rise again quickly, but the appointment of Dr. Jozef Venglos as manager, and his shrewd promoting of half a side, made all the difference and, if they still have one or two problems, the fact remains that Venglos did a great job almost overnight for them.

Unless you have actually been involved in running a side as I have, it will be difficult to appreciate just how much difference even one really good player can make when he is brought into the team.

All the chat and enthusiasm that the new man brings can rekindle the old spirit in the side. He tells players to get their heads up and work, tells them where to go and who to pass to, and then where to go again.

## Transform

The point I am making here is that even at international level, the inclusion of one new player can sometimes transform a very ordinary team into an exceptionally good one.

To give an actual illustration of this, I recall some time ago travelling to Dresden to see East Germany meet Czechoslovakia. The DDR were very good indeed and won well, with inside left Hans-Jurgen Kreische truly magnificent. But I was also greatly impressed by the fighting spirit displayed by the Czechs, who so often failed in the past because they lacked the will to win and the willingness to accept hard, physical contact that is almost totally absent from their domestic football.

As I was going on to Prague from Dresden, the Czech team manager, Vaclav Jezek, kindly invited me to travel back on the coach with the players and I happened to mention to him that their will to win had impressed me.

Mr Jezek surprised me by saying that this had been the first international for the big Slovan Bratislava *libero* Anton Ondrus, who was only 22 at the time and certainly inexperienced even in First Division football.

Before the match in the dressing room, Ondrus has taken it on himself to pick up a kick-about ball and go right round the dressing room, talking to each player in turn and getting them to place both hands on the ball and swear an oath to work himself into the ground and give everything he had for the entire 90 minutes.

Ondrus was the youngest player in the team that included some men with 50 caps but it was his spontaneous action in the dressing room that worked the transformation.

Of course, the arrival of a new manager who knows his craft can also work miracles, and it is because these things cannot be predicted that a team's fate often takes a sudden turn for the better.

## Needle

There are quite a few key games that I would like to see, and more that I think will be critical. For example, I fear that Wales will crash out to Turkey on November 21, and that will let in the West Germans even though they do not have a particularly good side at the moment.

One real needle match will be Greece v Russia, and on the same day it will be crunch time for Poland's hopes of catching Holland. They must win away to the Swiss that day.

But this is also the date of the England v Denmark game and, with the Danes likely to field their best ever side as all their foreign based players seek the chance of their lives to play at Wembley, this promises to be a cracker.

October 17 is another big day, for Portugal must do well away to Belgium, while the West Germans must complete a double over Wales and Holland must beat Poland at home.

This is also the day that England could settle their group at Windsor Park.

November 17 is another vital day for the Czechs must do well in France, though I fancy that by the time this match comes around, a draw or even a narrow defeat would not damage their chances of qualifying as goal difference would be enough to see them through.

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Ramaz Shengelia of Dynamo Tbilisi and the USSR.

# ATTACK, ATTACK! ARGENTINA STYLE

## South American news compiled by Eric Weil

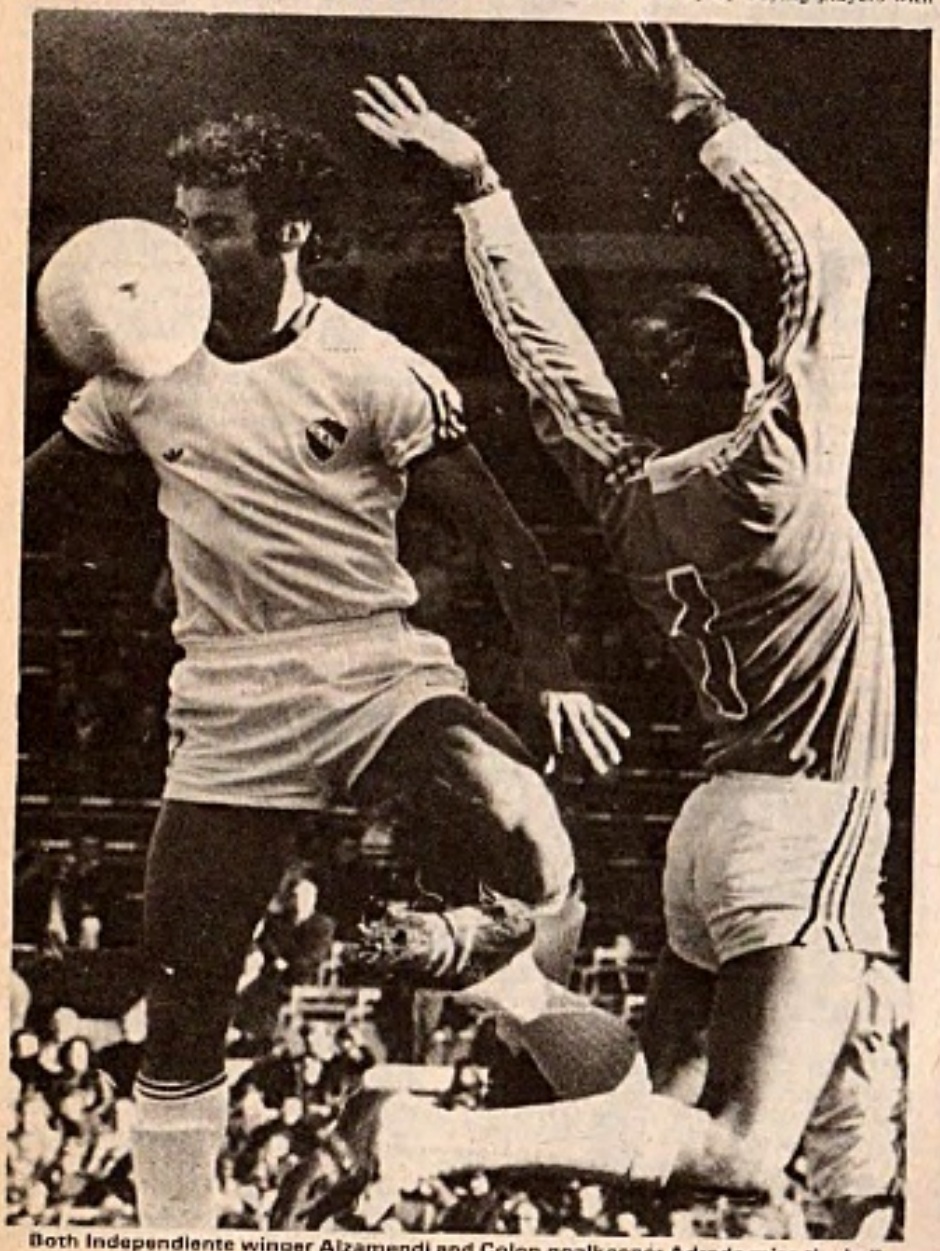
**NATIONAL team coach Cesar Menotti recently said that Argentin's World Cup success last year had left something, because more club teams were favouring attacking play and, as it happens, three attack-minded teams—River Plate, Independiente and Rosario Central—made the semi-finals of the Argentine (Metropolitan) First Division by finishing in the top two places of the two sections, while a fourth place still has to be decided between Velez Sarsfield and Argentinos Juniors, who finished level on points in section A.**

Menotti was actually referring to Rosario Central and Boca Juniors. At least, Boca Juniors tried—firstly by buying players with more soccer skills at the start of season—but they were not very successful mentioned before. Boca fight for the very hard, but then rarely know what to with it. In any case, they turned their ba on the First Division championship o again by repeatedly fielding rese teams—even while they had a chance winning it—while resting players concentrating on reaching the final of Libertadores Cup, which they have held the last two years.

As it happened, Boca's reserve team not at all bad, but they showed the same l of organisation when they had the ball their seniors.

River Plate, the section A winners with f World Cup stars, have definitely improved this year, although they had te problems (contracts, injuries, suspensio earlier in the season. Their semi-final cl with Independiente will be a repeat of national championship finals earlier this y (corresponding to 1978) which Independie won.

Independiente just made it while a engaged in a heavy Libertadores C programme, without giving ma outstanding performances . . . although th generally rose to the occasion at the rig time. This says little for teams who failed qualify, but Racing Club's young squad (w just failed) should go places under form Italian-Argentine international, Omar Sivo as soon as they get a little more organised a more experience.



Both Independiente winger Alzamendi and Colon goalkeeper Adrade miss the ball in their clash in the Argentine First Division.

### Top scorers

Still, Rosario Central, with no real star but hard work, team play and attackir ideas, finished up as top scorers with 37 goa in 18 matches and one of the few credits the tournament . . . not forgetting Argentinc Juniors, who also based their success on goo soccer, but depended largely on the international midfielder star Maradona fo goals.

Maradona was under a six-matc suspension at press-time after being sent o (for allegedly insulting the referee) in friendly, and although they won their two la matches without him, his absences may b vital in the semi-final place play-off agains in-form Velez Sarsfield, who picked up 13 o their last 14 points.

The last few weeks of the championshi (since the last issue) were certainly exciting with 15 of 20 clubs still with a semi-final plac chance with three matches to go. Then, a Rosario Central became the first to qualify 12 teams fought for the three remainin places with two matches to go; while seve teams were still in the hunt on the last day.

There were even several very good vita matches in spite of the tension, although th majority failed to rise above the mediocre standard of the tournament.

In one vital match, Racing Club beat River Plate 3-1 with goalkeepers Cejas and Fillo respectively—one a former international and the other the present incumbent—putting on

**Estudiantes forward Fortunato evades three Independiente defenders in a vital league match which Independiente won 3-1.**

a show of skills which had the fans cheering as both teams carved out goal chance after goal chance only to be thwarted . . . and the Independiente-Estudiantes clash, which virtually decided a semi-final place between them—won 3-1 by the former—was another thriller, fitting for a match with so much at stake.

A curious incident was the sending off of Gimnasia's new international goalkeeper, Vidalle. He kicked an advancing forward, but was apparently injured himself in the process and was shown the red card as they took him off on a stretcher—an unusual scene which, unfortunately, no photographer was there to record.

And when it was all over, Newell's Old Boys, who failed to make the semi-finals after a good start when their forwards suddenly lost the way to goal without injured veteran Yazalde to guide them in the latter stages, claimed the points of their last day 1-1 draw with River Plate (which would have put them into a play-off for a semi-final place) because one River Plate player had signed the original match form, but not the copies. The claim was thrown out, of course.

In between all this controversy, former goal-scoring international Luis Artime, now coach of Atlanta, told a newspaper that the Mafia was controlling the administering of drugs to players. (So what else is new?). A few days later he denied having given the interview. The police also interviewed Artime and the Argentine FA, which had always been reluctant to have compulsory drug tests after matches—because of cost and the fallibility of the method. But they then bought the latest apparatus from West Germany and says it will start drug tests as soon as possible.

Artime had said that a person had offered his club a "method" for 5,000 dollars and said it was already being used by many other First Division clubs. It was described as superior to an ordinary stimulant, and that it would speed up and increase the mental capacity!

Atlanta, who failed to win a match this season—obviously—they did not accept the above-mentioned offer—are now involved in a four-team relegation play-off with Gimnasia, Platense and Chacarita Juniors from which only the winner stays in the First Division, and they have asked the Argentine FA to start drug tests immediately.

DEPORTIVO CALI won the Opening Championship of the Colombian Professional League (DIMAYOR), by scoring more goals than cross-town rivals America with whom they shared top place on 34 points from 26 matches. Two play-off games were also drawn and that is where the "most goals scored" rule came into effect. Deportivo had scored 37 goals and AMerica 29. Both, however, qualified for the eight-team final round at the end of the season in which the top two from the A and B sections of the Closing Championship (now in progress) also participate, as well as two other teams with most points obtained in both tournaments.

## Coached

America, coached by Colombian, Gabriel Ochoa, had been topping the table practically all season and reached the final day with a two-point lead over Deportivo, but they lost 2-1 to Nacional; while Deportivo beat Medellin 1-0. America ended up with the best defence (19 goals) mainly due to good defensive marking, but in the event they did not score enough goals to take the title.

Deportivo Cali, coached by Argentine Eduardo Manera, a former Estudiantes de La Plata defender, gradually climbed up the table after their elimination from the Libertadores Cup, only dropping nine points in their last 18 games (after having dropped as many in the first eight) and caught up the leaders at the post.

Colombian international Rafael Agudelo (Bucaramanga) finished as top scorer with 17 goals, followed by Argentine Juan Irigoyen, of champions Millionarios.

Forty-one foreign players played for 13 teams in the championship—31 of them Argentine—the exception being Tolima, who signed no foreigners and finished well adrift at the bottom of the table, 12 points behind next-to-bottom Pereira and Cucuta. There is no relegation.

URUGUAY'S Nacional finally managed to beat traditional rivals and First Division champions, Penarol again after eight years and take over the lead from them in the current championship which went into a two-months recess until September, while the senior and junior national squads prepare and play in the South American Championship and Junior World Cup finals respectively.

Nacional beat hitherto undefeated Penarol 3-0 with goals from Victorino (2) and Ocampo, and topped the table with 15 points after nine matches, followed by Penarol with 13. Danubio have yet to gain a point.

PERU—Officials of the Melgar club blame the team's poor performances on witchcraft, exercised by a former member of the club against them. To counteract this, the players' shirts are being soaked in a popular anti-witchcraft herbal solution between matches, but so far it doesn't seem to have had the desired effect. Melgar are bottom club with only one win in 16 matches, and seven points adrift of the teams immediately above them.

ECUADOR—Former Peruvian national coach, Marcos Calderón has left the Barcelona club which signed him last year, because, according to Calderón, they could not afford to pay him any longer.

Barcelona just escaped relegation in the first phase of the championship which was won by Deportivo Cuenca. Universidad Catolica came second and either Emelec or Liga Deportiva Universitaria de Quito can take third place, depending on the result of a pending game. The top three qualify for the end-of-season final round with three, two and one bonus points respectively.

# If the core
# what hope

## LESLIE VERNON visits Hungary

I knew that there was something wrong when the customs officer didn't mention the subject. My worst fears were confirmed when the taxi driver concentrated on discussing the traffic conditions, and when we passed the Ferencvaros ground on the way from the airport, he turned his head away in despair.

The 'subject', of course, was football, and the place was Budapest, Hungary, where I recently spent two weeks in order to recover from the traumatic experience of trying to telephone a couple of English Third Division clubs.

Why is football taboo in Budapest? Why is the soccer-crazy population so disenchanted with the game that they are reluctant to talk about it? "Because our League football is not entertaining, our national team is a national disaster, our youth policy is in shambles," answers Dr. Karoly Lakat, newly appointed team manager of Hungary.

Not everyone is silent, in fact a great debate goes on, dealing with the eternal puzzle of "what's wrong with the game, what should we do to improve it," etc.

This soul-searching is partly sparked off by a remarkable new book written by a well-known sports journalist, Robert Zsolt, entitled *Footballers, Sportsmen*.

In this volume, Zsolt fearlessly lists all the ills, confusions, contradictions and illogicalities of Hungarian football. Firstly, he openly states that the game is far from amateur, the players make a very good living out of their clubs, there are payments under-the-counter (and legally!) when players change clubs, there are bonuses, etc.

### Revelation

This is no earth-shattering revelation, it has been an open secret for years that such deals are made, but to the best of my knowledge, this is the first time that these 'facts' have appeared in print. If that wasn't depressing enough (what would the Olympic Committee make of it for instance?), Zsolt alleges that the results of a large proportion of League matches are fixed!

A small number of these 'mock-games' are staged to cheat on the pools, but in the vast majority of cases, the shady deals 'buy' vital (?) League points.

With low attendances, generous State aid and general apathy, why anyone should go to such lengths to preserve First Division status for instance is beyond comprehension. But according to Zsolt (no relation to the well-known ref.), heads of companies who sponsor football teams regard the results and their teams' standing as proof of their own brilliant leadership.

These 'Socialist Maecenas' as the author calls them, use State funds to pay under-the-counter money to players, to finance transfer deals, and in many cases, to bribe the opposition. These are weighty accusations, and I have no personal knowledge as to whether they are true or not, or of the extent of these evil practices.

But nobody has sued Zsolt yet, and most insiders accept that his diagnosis of the situation is a correct one.

I hasten to add that the football fraternity is up-in-arms *vis-a-vis* the book, and let me quote just a couple of objections to it.

"Our job is to sell the game not to destroy it," a very prominent journalist and ex-legislator told me. "The public are not interested in scandalous stories, who drank how much and where? They should be given an opportunity to read about the better aspects of the game, about the efforts made to improve.

"Such gutter-writing only encourages the loud-mouthed critics on the terraces, makes recruitment of youngsters more difficult, and destroys the credibility of the domestic competitions."

### Outdated

Another journalist said: "This book is full of inaccuracies, mistakes and outdated information. I know better stories — we all know better stories! Zsolt is out of touch with football, he sensationalises an important subject."

Yes, but are the allegations true or not, and what will be done about them? These are the questions that bother me, because I feel that if the core is that rotten, there is no hope for the future.

Incidentally, I can vouch for some "inaccuracies" in the book, almost everything in it which deals with English football is incorrect. Zsolt refers to George Best, for example, as "one of the best ever English footballers"!

I don't think that the 37 times capped N. Ireland international would take kindly to this description. He also writes that in England, the clubs are so well matched, that in the past, a Fourth Division team reached the F.A. Cup Final.

Laszlo Balint

# is rotten . . . or the future?

When? Never, of course, not even a Third Division one, my dear Robert . . .

He also has a false idea about earnings in the 'West'. (I put that in quotes because one doesn't know whether he refers to Denmark or Italy or W. Germany or Sweden when he constantly talks about the mythical 'West'.)

He says the Ferenc Bene earned $12,000 (about 250,000 forints) in 1974 — "a sum which would not convince a player in the West to put his boots on."

Firstly, for instance, a Scottish pro would have been very glad to collect that sum in 1974, and secondly, Bene's earnings from football that year represented ten times the income of an average Hungarian worker.

Not many footballers 'in the West' can say that he is getting ten times as much as the average wage . . .

Zsolt also advances an interesting new theory for Hungary's defeat in the 1954 World Cup Final. He says that the players of the 'wonder-team' were paid comparatively little for their exploits, but just before the fateful tournament in Switzerland, they were given big bonuses.

Thus satisfied, they were not motivated enough to win the Final.

Sounds silly to me, after all, they were 'motivated' alright against Brazil and Uruguay. Did they only remember the money in the bank in the ninth minute of the Final?

So, the situation is not very encouraging to say the least, and the most popular solution lies in a different payment system — smaller basic wages, larger bonuses.

"If you were 23 years old and were earning a good living without any effort, would you go out of your way to improve your performance?" asks Sandor Barcs, ex-UEFA President, and a respected Member of the Presidium.

He also advocates individual coaching, and more concentration on the skills of the game. . . . After a few days in Budapest, at a resort by Lake Balaton, the hotel was occupied almost entirely by W. Germans and Austrians, and to the male guests, my identity was revaled by the devious means of wearing a Bell's Manager of the Year tie.

But after I opened my mouth, they instantly stopped confusing me with Bob Paisley, although the topic remained football.

Amongst the guests, I discovered an ex-Austrian international and an ex-manager of Salzburg — both of them bitterly critical of present-day standards. I travelled back to Budapest to see a friendly between Ferencvaros and Bruges.

The match marked the 'official' retirement of Istvan Geczi, who was given presents by both clubs before the match. After 10 minutes' play, he bowed to all sides of the packed ground, and then the giant goalkeeper, with tears in his eyes, ran into the dressing-room.

I was sitting next to Laszlo Balint, whose transfer to Ajax was in jeopardy at the time. He is definitely free to leave, and his club, Ferencvaros, only want a visit from his new club for a 'free' friendly as payment.

As Balint himself is looking for a $50,000 signing-on fee, he seems a bargain purchase to me in these days of ridiculously inflated transfer fees. Florian Albert was also at the match, he is now coaching in Lybia, and says that he is very happy there despite the constant heat.

Early on, Takacs went through the Bruges defence, tripped over his own foot and fell in the penalty box.

Referee Palotai didn't give a spot-kick — quite rightly — and was vigorously booed by the crowd. I have seen this able official abused in Liverpool, Amsterdam, Glasgow, Buenos Aires, Berne, Ipswich, etc., but he keeps on smiling and doing a good job. (Eat your heart out, Brian Glanville.)

He represents humanity's eternal optimism in face of adverse criticism — a fate of every referee. Incidentally, the supposedly clueless Hungarians beat the Belgians 3-0, with goals by Pogany (2) and Nagy. (What's wrong with Belgian football?)

Fradi played really well, but in the Bruges side, the newly signed Ray Clarke had a miserable game, and their midfield, with the exception of Van Der Eycken, was outclassed.

A very interesting two weeks — with lots of questions and only a few answers.

One of those is that Hungarian football is not quite as bad as they themselves think it is, and the sooner they realise that the better.

Finally, here is my English version of the latest Budapest joke: "Have you heard? Chelsea have engaged three kangaroos for their coaching staff." "Why?" "To teach the players how to jump about with an empty pocket!"

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**Group One**

My tip ENGLAND (England)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| England | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 7 |
| N. Ireland | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| Eire | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Denmark | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 4 |
| Bulgaria | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 3 |

Forthcoming games:

12. 9.79 England v Denmark
17.10.79 Eire v Bulgaria
17.10.79 N. Ireland v England
31.10.79 Bulgaria v Denmark
21.11.79 England v Bulgaria
21.11.79 N. Ireland v Eire
6. 2.80 England v Eire

**Group Two**

My tip PORTUGAL (Austria)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portugal | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Austria | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | •7 | 5 | 6 |
| Scotland | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| Belgium | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Norway | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 |

29. 8.79 Austria v Norway
12. 9.79 Norway v Belgium
17.10.79 Belgium v Portugal
17.10.79 Scotland v Austria
1.11.79 Portugal v Norway
21.11.79 Belgium v Scotland
21.11.79 Portugal v Austria
6. 2.80 Scotland v Portugal
Early 1980 Scotland v Belgium

**Group Three**

My tip SPAIN (Yugoslavia)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spain | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Rumania | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| Yugoslavia | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Cyprus | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 1 |

10.10.79 Spain v Yugoslavia
31.10.79 Yugoslavia v Rumania
14.11.79 Yugoslavia v Cyprus
18.11.79 Rumania v Cyprus
9.12.79 Cyprus v Spain

**Group Four**

My tip HOLLAND (Holland)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Holland | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 8 |
| Poland | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| E. Germany | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Switzerland | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
| Iceland | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 0 |

5. 9.79 Iceland v Holland
12. 9.79 Iceland v E. Germany
12. 9.79 Switzerland v Poland
26. 9.79 Poland v E. Germany
10.10.79 Poland v Iceland
13.10.79 E. Germany v Switzerland
17.10.79 Holland v Poland
21.11.79 E. Germany v Holland

**Group Five**

My tip CZECHOSLOVAKIA (France)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Czechoslovakia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| France | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Sweden | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Luxembourg | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 0 |

5. 9.79 Sweden v France
10.10.79 Czechoslovakia v Sweden
23.10.79 Luxembourg v Sweden
17.11.79 France v Czechoslovakia
24.11.79 Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg

**Group Six**

My tip RUSSIA (Russia)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greece | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 5 |
| Finland | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 5 |
| Russia | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Hungary | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 |

12. 9.79 Greece v Russia
17.10.79 Hungary v Finland
31.10.79 Russia v Finland

**Group Seven**

My tip WEST GERMANY (West Germany)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wales | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 6 |
| W. Germany | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Turkey | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Malta | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 1 |

17.10.79 W. Germany v Wales
28.10.79 Malta v Turkey
21.11.79 Turkey v Wales
22.12.79 W. Germany v Turkey
27. 2.80 W. Germany v Malta

# A·B·C O

**AN EASY-REFERENCE GUIDE BY Keir Radnedge TO THE CLUBS TAKING PART IN THIS SEASON'S EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS.**

*(Figures after club name indicate number of league and cup wins).*

## ALBANIA

**Champions' Cup:** PARTIZAN TIRANA. 11-8. Landed their first championship in eight years by a narrow one-point margin ahead of Nendori. Play all their major games in the 24,000-capacity Qemal Stafa stadium. Have achieved the league and cup double on a record six occasions. In the late 1940s and then again in the late 1960s they won the league three seasons running. Albania's most experienced European campaigners, having appeared twice in the Cup-winners' Cup and five times in the Champions' Cup — losing in the first round to CSKA Sofia at last attempt in 1971-72.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** VLAZNIA SHKODER. 6-3. Last season became the first Albanian club to venture back into the European mainstream for six years, but despite beating eventual semi-finalists FK Austria 2-0 in Albania were turned over in the Champions' Cup first round return. One of the oldest established Albanian clubs, and one of the few from the provinces to make a mark on the championship, they won the first two leagues immediately after the war in 1945 and 1946. Skilful forward Zega gave FK Austria the most trouble for a team in which coach Dzevdet Sadiri has created a solid balance of youth and experience, skill and stamina.

**UEFA Cup:** No entry.

## AUSTRIA

**Champions' Cup:** F.K. AUSTRIA. 14-19 (record). Founded in 1911, though the club's history goes back to the Cricketers club of 1894. One of Europe's greatest teams in the 1930s when they formed the backbone of the Austrian Wunderteam and were twice Mitropa Cup winners. Now sponsored by the producers of Memphis cigarettes, they have been runaway champions for the last couple of years. In 1978 they became the first Austrian club to reach the final of one of the European competitions when they lost 4-0 to Anderlecht in the Cup-winners' Cup. Last season reached the Champions' Cup semi-finals, losing surprisingly to Malmo in the semi-finals. Include a sprinkling of 1978 World Cup heroes including skipper and right back Robert Sara, schemer Herbert Prohaska and striker Walter Schachner — although, at the time of compiling this report, Schachner's future was in doubt. It seemed he might move to AEK Athens, to follow FKA coach Hermann Stessl who was surprisingly sacked at the end of last season amid a welter of internal wrangling. New boss is former Austrian international inside forward Erich Hof, who has moved over from Wiener SK.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** S.S.W. INNSBRUCK. 5-5. Most successful provincial club of recent years in Austria though their future is now in the balance. Despite winning the Cup last season with a 3-2 aggregate win over Admira Vienna they were also relegated. Even the replacement midway through the season of coach Hans Eigenstiller with veteran Hungarian manager Lajos Baroti had no effect. They badly missed Bruno Pezzey, sold to Eintracht Frankfurt after the 1978 World Cup, and now top goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia has left for Anderlecht. Only Josef Hickersberger of their 'name' players remains. Founded in 1914 and play in the Tivoli stadium. Went out 0-1, 1-1 to Ipswich in the second round of this competition last season.

**UEFA Cup:** RAPID VIENNA. 25 (record)-9. The club who sold Hans Krankl after the World Cup didn't do too badly despite heavy debt and boardroom unrest. Founded in 1898, they play in the Hütteldorf stadium but their great days are in the past.

Ernst Happel (recently manager of Brugge and Holland in the World Cup) and Gerhardt Hanappi (93 caps, including a record run of 56 on the trot) made Rapid a force in the 1950s. But they've never achieved much in European competition, apart from reaching the Champions' Cup semi-finals in 1961. Looked to Denmark recently and B1903's Lars Francker in a bid to strengthen the attack. Lost to Hajduk Split 0-2, 2-1 in the first round of last season's UEFA Cup.

WIENER SPORTKLUB. 3-1. A mixture of young heads (Braunedar and Drabitz) and old ones (boss Erich Hof) made Wiener the league's surprise force last season, plus the presence of temperamental Gust Starek in midfield. How they will fare this season is uncertain. Hof has left for FK Austria and Starek — the man who was sent off no fewer than 11 times during his stormy career — has retired.

Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

## BELGIUM

**Champions' Cup:** S.K. BEVEREN-WAAS. 1-1. The 1978 Cup Final saw their first-ever title, after a 2-0 win over Charleroi, and they then set Europe alight with their ageing team. Not content with reaching the Cup-winners' semi-finals they also landed the Belgian league title. Best player is goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, though his future was unsure until recently. A transfer was on the cards and Huelva of Spain were favourites until Beveren decided they would be unable to obtain a useful enough replacement for the Belgian Footballer of the Year. The goals come from German centre forward Erwin Albert — the only full-time professional in the squad — and the attacking guidance from veteran skipper and Antwerp docker Jean Janssens, who was recently recalled to the national team after eight years in the wilderness. Lost 0-1, 0-1 to Barcelona — eventual winners — in the last season's Cup-winners' semi-finals. Manager is Robert Goethals, no relation to the more famous Raymond.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** BEERSCHOT. 7-2. Doubly surprising Cup-winners, having beaten Anderlecht in the semi-finals and Brugge 1-0 in the final. But they don't lack for stars, despite the £200,000 sale of centre back Walter Meeuws to Brugge. In goal is Poland's 1974 World Cup hero Jan Tomaszewski, the defence is shored up by one of Finland's few professionals, Arto Tolsa, and in midfield the skill comes from Spaniard Juan Lozano. Pace in attack is provided by the black Haitian Emmanuel Sanon, who gave Italy's defence such a lively time in the 1974 World Cup. Manager is ex-Holland and Ajax boss Georg Knoebel, who replaced sacked Rik Coppens midway through last season.

**UEFA Cup:** ANDERLECHT R.S.C. 16-5 (both records). Founded in 1908 and after once being easy meat for everyone in Europe have dominated the Cup-winners' Cup, winning in 1976 and 1978 and being runners-up inbetween. Lost 10-0 to Manchester United in the Champions' Cup in 1957, but developed to finish Fairs' Cup runners-up to Arsenal in 1970. Desperately wanted to win the league last season and the failure prompted changes. Out went manager Raymond Goethals, to be replaced by Urbain Braems, while Dutch goalkeeper Nico De Bree has retired, his place going to new signing from Austria, Friedl Koncilia. Centre forward Ruud Geels has left for Sparta Rotterdam but though Arie Haan, Rob Rensenbrink and Johnny Dusbaba remain of the Dutch contingent Haan has argued with the KNVB and Rensenbrink, after knee trouble, is no longer the player he was in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups. Lost on penalties to eventual winners Barcelona after winning and losing 3-0 in last season's Cup-winners' second round.

STANDARD LIEGE. 6-3. Founded 1898 and one of the regular big spenders of the Belgian league. Reached the Champions' Cup semi-finals in 1962 and demonstrated their determination to return to that level by signing Austrian Ernst Happel (ex-Feyenoord, Brugge, Holland) as new boss and persuading Swedish centre forward Ralf Edstroem to try another spell at full-time football now he has overcome his injury problems. Goalkeeper Christian Piot has been forced out by injury, but deputy Michel Preud'homme has already won his first cap for the national team. Lost 0-4, 2-0 to Manchester City in last season's UEFA Cup second round.

## BULGARIA

**Champions' Cup:** LEVSKY-SPARTAK SOFIA. 13-13 (record). Double-winners last season, are one of Bulgaria's oldest clubs, though the present organisation followed a merger between Levsky and less successful Spartak in the early 1970s. Most famous player remains Georgi Asparoukhov, the 1962 and 1966 World Cup leader, who was later killed in a car crash. Though sweeper Karel Ivkov has been transferred, there are plenty of internationals in the Levsky line-up, from goalkeeper Stefan Staikov (29) to skipper and schemer Pavel Panov (27) and striker Rusi Gochev, who was last season's top league scorer with 19 goals after the club overcame an early-season injury crisis. Lost 1-1, 0-3 to Milan in the UEFA Cup second round tie last season made notorious by the gifts affair involving Scottish referee John Gordon.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** BERDE STARA ZAGORA. 0-0. In the CWC thanks to Levsky's success in winning both league and cup. When they found they would face Levsky in the Cup Final they never seriously appeared to believe in themselves. They'd lost 5-0 to Levsky early in the season in the league and expected another hammering — which they duly received, 1-4! Centre forward Petkov is one of the league's most consistent goalscorers.

**UEFA Cup:** C.S.K.A. SOFIA. 19 (record)-10. The army team who, as CDNA, dominated Bulgarian football in the 1950s and produced possibly the best player in the country's history, Ivan Kolev. Founded in 1948, play in the People's Army Stadium. Top players include goal scoring left back Conce Vassiliev (28), midfielder Boji Kolev (29) and forward Georgi Denev (29). Were early leaders in the league last season before slipping following their 2-1, 1-4 UEFA Cup defeat by Valencia.

LOKOMOTIV SOFIA. 3-2. Last victory in anything was the league 14 years ago, yet they have some outstanding players including 1974 World Cup goalkeeper Rumen Goranov (29), defenders Georgi Bonev and Jordan Stalkov and schemer Atanas Michailov. He's team captain, has won more than 40 caps, and is a danger to goal both with his swirling free kicks and corners.

## CYPRUS

**Champions' Cup:** OMONIA NICOSIA. 9-2. This will be their ninth campaign in Europe, a record shared with Apoel. Last season they lost 2-1, 0-1 to Bohemians Dublin in the first round despite the presence of Sotiris Kaiafas, the Golden Boot winner in 1976 for Europe's top scorer. Kaiafas, who earned the award with 39 goals (including 16 penalties) is 29 and has been with Omonia since the age of 18, having played in two dozen internationals.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** APOEL NICOSIA. 11-10 (both records). Cup winners for the second year in a row — lost 0-2, 0-1 to Shamrock Rovers in last year's first round. Ninth campaign in Europe.

**UEFA Cup:** ALKI LARNACA. 0-0. First appearance in Europe.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Champions' Cup:** DUKLA PRAHA. 10-4 (eq. rcd.). The army team who dominated in the late 1950s and early 1960s and provided the backbone of the national team who lost to Brazil in the 1962 World Cup Final. Founded in 1948 and went through three name changes before finishing up as Dukla, scene of a famous battle. Present stars include goalkeeper Jaroslav Netolicka, skipper and central defender Vaclav Semek, midfielder Frantisek Stambachr and centre forward Zdenek Nehoda, the Footballer of the Year. Won the league on goal difference from Banik Ostrava and reached the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup before going down surprisingly to Hertha Berlin 1-1, 1-2. Veteran manager is 59-year-old Jaroslav Vejvoda.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** LOKOMOTIV KOSICE. 0-2. First won the Cup in 1977, earned a UEFA Cup place the following season and are now back in the Cup-winners' Cup after surprisingly beating Banik 2-1 in the domestic final. Went down 1-0, 0-1 and on penalties to Milan in the UEFA Cup first round last year. Best player is international midfielder Josef Roder.

**UEFA Cup:** ZBROJOVKA BRNO. 1-0. Surprise champions in 1978 under the guidance of ex-Dukla star Josef Masopust. Key defender is another ex-

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Dukla man, Ivan Novak, with Karel Kroupa the most important — and injury-prone — forward. Centre back Vaclavicek has now played a record 215 consecutive league games. Brno lost 2-2, 1-1 to Wisla Krakow in the second round of last year's Champions' Cup.

BANIK OSTRAVA. 1-2. How unlucky can you get? Banik were pipped for the league by Dukla on goal difference and lost 2-1 to Lokomotiv Kosice in the Cup Final. They also came close in the Cup-winners' Cup, going down 1-3, 2-1 in the semi-finals to Fortuna Düsseldorf. Coach Evzen Hadamcik was the youngest in the first division when appointed at 38 two years ago. In goal is regular international Pavel Michalik, with the stopper 30-year-old international Rostislav Jojacek. Lubomir Knapp, now 30, is the midfield general, and forward Milan Albrecht was a member of the 1970 World Cup squad. Founded in 1922, play in the 35,000-capacity Bazalech stadium.

BOHEMIANS PRAGUE. 0-0. One of the Prague also-rans though they possess one of Europe's most admired players in midfielder Antonin Panenka — the man whose cool penalty brought Czechoslovakia the 1976 European championship. Goalkeeper Zdenek Hruska is on the fringe of the national team.

## DENMARK

**Champions' Cup:** VEJLE. 4-6 (eq. rod.). The team who discovered Allan Simonsen, though there's no one now to compare. Veterans John Hansen and Ulrik Lefevre returned from West Germany and Belgium 18 months ago to guide Vejle to the first Danish league title since the amateur shackles were cast off. They've now retired, which presents a headache for new West German manager Jürgen Wähling, ex-youth coach at Werder Bremen.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** BK1903 COPENHAGEN. 7-1. Suffered the mortifying experience of losing to a Finnish club, Kuopion Palloseura, in the first round of the UEFA Cup last season 1-2, 4-4. This Cup success was their first.

**UEFA Cup:** ESBJERG. 4-2. Lost a marathon Cup Final last year to Frem, so went into the UEFA Cup and reached the third round before falling 5-2 on aggregate to Hertha Berlin.

AARHUS. 4-5 (eq. rod.). Back in Europe for the first time in 14 years.

## EAST GERMANY

**Champions' Cup:** DYNAMO BERLIN. 1-1. On the debit side last season they lost 5-2, 1-4 in remarkable fashion to Red Star Belgrade in the first round of the UEFA Cup, and then midfielder Lutz Eigendorf sought asylum in West Germany. Apart from those two hiccups virtually everything else went right. They stormed through the league, scoring a record 76 goals, starting with a record run of 10 wins in a row and suffered only one defeat. Ironically it was at the hands of the same team, Magdeburg, and by the same margin, 1-0, that they missed the double when losing the Cup Final. Most dangerous marksman was Hans-Jürgen Riediger, whose scoring feats included five in the 8-1 derby win over Union Berlin. Average crowd 18,000.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** MAGDEBURG. 3-4 (eq. rod.). Cup winners for the last two years, and each time won the final against the future champions — first Dresden, then Dynamo Berlin. Only East German club to have landed a European title, having beaten Milan in the Cup-winners' Cup in 1974 by 2-0 in Rotterdam. Jürgen Sparwasser has had to retire, but Jürgen Pommerenke, Axel Tyll and Martin Hoffman are still there as is centre forward Joachim Streich — the league's top scorer last season with 23 goals, including six in the last game against relegated Chemie Bohlen. Veteran defender Wolfgang Seguin has played 140 consecutive league games to repay the faith in him shown by boss Klaus Urbanczyk. Magdeburg lost 2-1, 2-4 to Banik Ostrava in last season's quarter finals.

**UEFA Cup:** DYNAMO DRESDEN. 6 (eq. rod.). 2. Backbone of the East German 1[illegible] World Cup team and highly praised by Liverpool despite defeat in the Champions' Cup two seasons ago. Hans-Jürgen Doerner remains the king-pin in defence, Reinhard Haefner the tireless midfield general. Lost 1-3, 1-0 to FK Austria in last season's Champions' Cup semi-finals.

CARL ZEISS JENA. 3-4 (eq. rod.). Known as Motor Jena until a takeover by the world famous optics organisation in the early 1960s. Won the league three times in six years then thanks to the Ducke brothers Peter and Roland who at one stage held both league goals and appearances records between them. Later joined by 1974 World Cup skipper and sweeper Bernd Bransch and Karl-Marx-Stadt left winger Eberhard Vogel. Only Vogel now remains at 36 in a solid but dull team who have problems in attack. In defence goalkeeper Hans-Ullrich Grapenthin is East Germany's No. 1 at 35, while Konrad Weise and Lothar Kurbjuweit both played in the Montreal Olympics-winning team. Lutz Lindemann in midfield is another regular international, yet Jena averaged only 7,000 fans for their home games last season in the 30,000-capacity Ernst Abbe Sportfeld.

## ENGLAND

**Champions' Cup:** NOTTINGHAM FOREST. 1-2. Champions' Cup holders after the Trevor Francis-inspired 1-0 Munich win over Malmo. Manager Brian Clough has strengthened his team with the big-money captures of Asa Hartford, the Scotland midfielder, from Manchester City, and another Scot, Frank Gray, from Leeds, at left back. Martin O'Neill, who had reached the end of his contract and was the subject of tempting offers from England and the U.S. also decided to stay for the attempt to hold on to the European and League Cups.

LIVERPOOL. 11 (rod.)-2. A record for points (68) and also fewest goals conceded (16). This, plus the acquisitions of Frank McGarvey and Avi Cohen make Liverpool look as formidable as ever as they attempt to regain the Champions' Cup they won in 1977 and 1978. Liverpool lost 0-2, 0-0 to Forest in last season's first round but emphasised their determination to gain revenge in the manner in which they won the league. Scotland striker Kenny Dalglish became Footballer of the Year.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** ARSENAL. 8-4. Lost 0-1, 1-1 to Red Star Belgrade in the UEFA Cup third round last season, but ended the season on a high note by defeating Manchester United 3-2 in a dramatic FA Cup Final. There's plenty of experience for the new Europe bid, with Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Co. at the back, and youth and skill in David O'Leary, Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton. That all adds up to make Arsenal's one of the CWC favourites.

**UEFA Cup:** EVERTON. 7-3. Gordon Lee may be one of England's more controversial managers, but this is the second successive year he's brought Everton into Europe. Last season they went down 2-1, 0-1 to Dukla in the second round.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION. 1-5. Laurie Cunningham went to Real Madrid for £950,000, but with Peter Barnes signed £300,000 cheaper from Manchester City, and David Mills a £500,000 reserve, to say nothing of the arrival of England under-21 man Gary Owen, Albion will be a lively force in Europe again. Last season they went out 0-1, 1-1 to Red Star Belgrade in the quarter finals.

IPSWICH. 1-1. One of the pioneers of the foreign transfer market — and very successfully — with the signings of Dutchmen Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen. Plenty of good young players, such as Scotland right back John Burley and midfielder John Wark. Manager Bobby Robson, putting behind him the possibility of a move to Bilbao, hopes Ipswich can carry on at the start of this season in the form with which they finished the last.

LEEDS. 2-1. Back in Europe after their suspension and rebuilding. Manager now is Jimmy Adamson, who took over early last season from Jock Stein. Leeds look solid as ever, with Trevor Cherry and Co. in defence, while Ray Hankin provides the muscle up front. Plenty of experience in Europe — having won the Fairs Cup and been runners-up in the Champions' and Cup-winners' Cups.

## FINLAND

**Champions' Cup:** HJK HELSINKI. 3-1. Went out 6-2 on aggregate to Hertha Berlin in the UEFA Cup first round on their last appearance in Europe four years ago and have few illusions about improving on that performance.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** LAHDEN REIPAS. 3-6 (record). Most experienced of Finland's European campaigners — this is their 10th season in Europe.

**UEFA Cup:** KUOPION PALLOSEURA. 5 (eq. rod.)-1. Made comparatively sterling progress last season, reaching the second round of the UEFA Cup before going down 0-2, 1-4 to Esbjerg.

## FRANCE

**Champions' Cup:** STRASBOURG. 1-2. Manchester United once put six goals past them in Europe, but that was a very different team. Under Gilbert Gress Strasbourg emerged last season as a tight and consistent club team even though their only 1978 World Cup man was goalkeeper Dominique Dropsy. Came close to the league and cup double before suffering a shock cup semi-final defeat to unrated second division part-timers Auxerre. Lost 0-0, 0-4 to MSV Duisburg in last season's UEFA Cup third round but made determined efforts this summer to strengthen their team. Lost out in a bid for Johan Neeskens, but signed prolific scoring Argentine centre forward Carlos Bianchi from Paris Saint-Germain.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** NANTES. 4-1. Had eight players in the World Cup 40, proof of the fans' boast that Nantes are the best balanced team in the league. Managed by former Reims and France left-winger Jean Vincent, they lost 0-2, 0-0 to Benfica in last season's UEFA Cup first round. Despite the experience of regular internationals Jean-Paul Bertrand-Demanes (goal), Patrice Rio and Maxime Bossis (defence), skipper Henri Michel (midfield) and Loic Amisse (attack) they struggled before beating second division part-timers Auxerre 4-1 after extra time in the cup final.

**UEFA Cup:** MONACO. 3-2. In the UEFA Cup thanks to Nantes' Cup win. Champions a year ago on first season back in the senior division, but have now lost coach Lucien Leduc. Gates rarely top 4,000 in their little stadium, and the club rely for finance on Prince Rainier. Jean Petit runs the midfield, while Argentine spearhead Delio Onnis gets the goals. Lost 0-0, 0-1 to Malmo in last season's Champions' Cup first round.

SAINT-ETIENNE. 9 (rod.)-6. Back in Europe with one of the most brilliant (on paper) attacks ever assembled by a French club. Up front are Dominique Rocheteau, the new Dutchman from Basle Johnny Rep, and the black left winger Zimako. In midfield they've also signed the highly talented Michel Platini and with Bernard Lacombe — the World Cup centre forward — possibly staying on, they could scare the daylights out of a lot of defences.

At least coach Robert Herbin hopes to! Saint-Etienne have plenty of European experience, even though sweeper Oswaldo Piazza has left. They were Champions' Cup runners-up to Bayern Munich in 1976.

## GREECE

**Champions' Cup:** A.E.K. ATHENS. 8-7. Achieved the double in 1978 under Tschik Cajkovski but Ferenc Puskas took over last summer and AEK had a turbulent season. First they lost 1-2, 1-5 to Nottingham Forest in the Champions' Cup second round, then Puskas was dismissed. Finally they were beaten by Panionios in the Cup final, and finished level on top of the league with Olympiakos, their greatest rivals. The league ordered a play-off, but Olympiakos pulled out in protest at corrupt referees, leaving AEK unchallenged champions. They deserved the title, with 90 goals scored in 34 games. Tomas Mavros was the league's top scorer with 31, ably assisted by Yugoslav Nenad Bjekovic. New boss is Hermann Stessl, surprisingly sacked this summer after taking FK Austria to the Austrian league.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** PANIONIOS. 0-1. One appearance in the old Fairs Cup and one in the UEFA Cup, without success. Panionios were surprise Cup Final victors by 3-1 over defending holders and champions AEK — though they were aided by the expulsion of AEK's Tassos.

**UEFA Cup:** OLYMPIAKOS PIRAEUS. 20-17 (both records). Ground has been closed in the past because of crowd trouble, though there was little enough reaction after last season's 2-1, 1-3 UEFA Cup first round defeat by Levsky. Finished equal top of the league with AEK Athens but refused to play a decider in protest at corrupt refereeing, and thus let AEK take the title unopposed. Star in attack is Uruguayan Rafael Perone, while Mak Galakos in midfield is one of Greece's most consistent players. Very nearly transferred to Nurnberg during the summer but couldn't agree a contract.

ARIS SALONIKA. 3-1. Seventh campaign in Europe, the last being five years ago in the UEFA Cup, when they went out 3-2 on aggregate in the first round to Rapid Vienna.

## HOLLAND

**Champions' Cup:** AJAX AMSTERDAM. 18-9 (both records). Won the double for the first time in seven years, beating Twente Enschede in the replayed Cup Final. European champions in 1971, 1972 and 1973 but then lost Johan Cruyff and haven't been the same since. Only sweeper and skipper Rudi Krol remains of that great team which also won the world club cup. New stars include forwards Tscheu La Ling and South Moluccan Simon Tahamata, whose first cap came in the

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"World Cup repeat" against Argentina in Berne. Piet Schrijvers remains in goal, while Laszlo Balint is expected to become the first Hungarian to be granted permission to play abroad and will join Krol in the centre of defence. Ray Clarke was top scorer last season with 26 goals, but has been sold for £200,000 to Brugge and his place taken, for the same amount, by former Real Madrid Dane, Henning Jensen. Ajax, coached by ex-Sparta boss Cor Brom, lost 1-4, 2-0 against Honved in last season's UEFA Cup third round.

**Cup-winners'Cup:** TWENTE ENSCHEDE. 0-1. In the CWC thanks to Ajax's league win, for Twente went down 3-0 in the replayed Cup Final. Experienced in Europe, although weakened by the loss of Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen to Ipswich last season. Coach remains Luxembourg's Spitz Kohn at the club who are the product of a 1965 merger. Best player is Iceland's Hallvar Thorsten. Lost 1-1, 2-3 against Manchester City in last season's UEFA Cup first round.

**UEFA Cup:** P.S.V. EINDHOVEN. 7-4. The club of the Philips electrics giant. Were Champions' Cup semi-finalists in 1976 and won the UEFA Cup two years later thanks to the efforts of the Van der Kerkhof brothers. Coach Kees Rijvers has gathered together a number of the younger 1978 World Cup squad — Jan Poortvliet, Piet Wildschut and Erny Brandts — and PSV hope to make a better impression on the UEFA Cup than on the Champions' contest last season when they lost the home leg to go down 0-0, 2-3 to Rangers in the second round.

FEYENOORD. 12-4. Vaclav Jezek, the manager behind the Czechs' 1976 European championship win, has rebuilt Feyenoord on youth. The 1970 European and world champions have found a new Jan Peters, and rely for goals on the young Icelander Petur Petursson, who joined less than a year ago. Despite the fame of Ajax, it was Feyenoord who were the first Dutch club to land a European trophy when they beat Celtic in Milan in extra time in that 1970 Champions' final.

## HUNGARY

**Champions' Cup:** UJPEST DOZSA. 18-4. Hit back strongly to overtake Honved and add yet another title to the proud record of a club founded back in 1885. Ex-international centre forward Ferenc Bene is now general manager, but his brilliant successor in the national team, Andras Toroczik, will be out of the game for a while after car crash injuries. It was Toroczik who was sent off for Hungary against Argentina in the World Cup, an offence which cost him a year's ban from the national team, though this was commuted later.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** RABA E.T.O. GYOR. 1-4. Surprisingly beat Ferencvaros 1-0 in the Cup Final to earn their first appearance in Europe for five years.

**UEFA Cup:** FERENCVAROS. 22-13 (both records). Lost 1-0 in the Cup Final to Gyor. In the Cup-winners' Cup last season, where they lost 0-1, 2-1 to Magdeburg in the second round. Best known player is schemer Tibor Nyilasi. He was banned for a year from playing for Hungary after being sent off against Argentina in the World Cup, but later had his sentence cut. Lanky one-pace player who weights his passes with great effect when his mind is on the game. Other 'Fradi' internationals include full backs Gyozo Martos and Tibor Rab, midfielder Zoltan Ebedli and forward Laszlo Pusztai.

DIOSGYOER MISKOLC. 0-1. Their surprise Cup win came in 1977, but they lost on penalties to Hajduk Split in the second round of the CWC in what had been their only appearance in Europe. Couldn't even get one player into the 1978 World Cup 40.

## ICELAND

**Champions' Cup:** VALUR REYKJAVIK. 16-4. Coached by Hungarian Gyula Nemes, Valur won the league unbeaten, dropping only one point in 18 games. They nearly landed the double, but lost the Cup Final 1-0 to Akranes.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** AKRANES. 10-1. Backbone of the Iceland team who beat East Germany and later Northern Ireland. Lost 1-4, 1-1 to Koln in the Champions' Cup first round last season, but won their first Cup Final in beating Valur 1-0. Unfortunately they then lost their two best players — Karl Thordarson went to La Louviere in Belgium and top scorer Petur Petursson joined Feyenoord.

**UEFA Cup:** KEFLAVIK. 3-1.

## ITALY

**Champions' Cup:** MILAN. 10-4. Founded 1899 under a joint English and Swiss influence. Champions' Cup winners in 1963 and 1969 and Cup winners' victors in 1968 and 1973. Their chances of winning in Europe this season look slim. For one thing mastermind Gianni Rivera has retired, for another coach Nils Liedholm has left for Roma, and for yet another their bid for Paolo Rossi to strengthen the attack fell through. Enrico Albertosi remains in goal, nearing 40, while Maldera is a goal-scoring full back and Novellino a skilful forward. But they lack punch—as they showed in their 2-2, 0-3, defeat by Manchester City in last season's UEFA Cup third round defeat.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** JUVENTUS. 18-6 (both records). Had 11 men in the World Cup 40, nine of whom played in Argentina. All remain, except for Romeo Benetti, the hard mid-fielder, who has gone to Roma. Twice runners-up in the Fairs Cup, Juve won the UEFA Cup in 1977, but were surprisingly knocked out of the Champions' Cup in the first round last year by Rangers, 1-0, 0-2. No major signings. Beat Palermo 2-1 aet in the Cup Final.

**UEFA Cup:** PERUGIA. 0-0. Last season became the first team ever to survive undefeated through the league programme. Pulled off a major transfer coup when they landed Paolo Rossi during the summer from relegated Lanerossi Vicenza. Rossi, who exploded on international football during the 1978 World Cup Finals, didn't fancy a season in the second division.

INTERNAZIONALE. 11-2. World and Champions' Cup winners in 1964 and 1965 and Champions' Cup runners-up to Ajax in 1972. Still searching for a new identity following the retirements of Giacinto Facchetti and Sandro Mazzola. Coach for a third season is Eugenio Bersellini, but this is the crunch year for him. No major new signings. Lost 0-0, 0-1 against Beveren in last season's Cup-winners' quarter finals.

TORINO. 8-4. The unluckiest club in the league. Apart from the shattering 1949 air crash they've since nearly gone bust, a director became a victim of the Italian kidnapping craze and at the end of last season coach Gigi Radice was badly hurt in a car crash. At least they've managed to hang on to World Cup men Francesco Graziani and Claudio Sala, though it was feared the centre forward and schemer might both have to be sold to balance the books.

NAPOLI. 0-2. Have sold £2 million centre forward Beppe Savoldi back to Bologna, but signed World Cup stopper Mauro Bellugi in exchange. Walter Speggiorin and the second division's top scorer, Giuseppe Damiani, will give the attack better balance. Manager is still the Brazilian, Luis Vinicio.

## LUXEMBOURG

**Champions' Cup:** RED BOYS DIFFERDANGE. 6-14 (record). Double winners—just. Took the league on goal difference ahead of Progres Niedercorn, and claimed the Cup with an extra time victory by 4-1 over Aris Bonnevoie. Goalkeeper Jeannot Moes, the national team's first choice, is by far their best-known player.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** ARIS BONNEVOIE. Owe their CWC place to Red Boys' success in the league, since they lost the Cup Final 4-1 after extra time to Red Boys.

**UEFA Cup:** PROGRES NIEDERCORN. 2-4. Runners-up to Red Boys in the league on goal difference. Went through a long unbeaten run from the start of the season to the spring, but dropped too many points in draws. Lost 0-5, 0-7 to Real Madrid in last season's Champions' Cup first round.

## MALTA

**Champions' Cup:** HIBERNIANS. 4-3. Lost 0-5, 3-2 against Braga in the UEFA Cup first round last season. New youngster Joe Xuereb, latest in a long line of footballing brothers, made his international debut in midfield in the 0-0 draw with West Germany in February's European championship tie.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** SLIEMA WANDERERS. 21-16 (record). Goalkeeper Victor Sciberras was the hero of Malta's 0-0 European championship draw with West Germany in February.

**UEFA Cup:** F.C. VALLETTA. 10-5. Double winners in 1978, they crashed 0-8, 3-5 to Grasshoppers Zurich in the Champions' Cup first round last season, despite the presence of several seasoned internationals, including Malta regular Emmanuel Farrugia in midfield.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

**Champions' Cup:** LINFIELD. 32-31 (both records). More success for manager Roy Coyle, the one-time Grimsby and Sheffield Wednesday midfielder. Linfield lost 0-0, 0-1 against Lillestroem in last season's Champions' Cup first round.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** CLIFTONVILLE. 2-8. First time in Europe.

**UEFA Cup:** GLENAVON. 2-3. Lost 2-6, 0-5 to PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup first round two years ago. That had been their first appearance in Europe for 17 years.

## NORWAY

**Champions' Cup:** START KRISTIANSAND 0. This was Start's first title, though they appeared in Europe on four prev occasions—losing 0-0, 0-1 to Esbjerg in the U Cup first round last season.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** LILLESTROM. 3-2. Do winners in 1977, this is the club led by Tom L the outstanding Norwegian footballer who always be known as the man who said No to (not to mention Sunderland last spring). Lillest who very nearly landed Tommy Docherty afte parting with Manchester United, lost 1-4, against FK Austria in last season's Champions' second round.

**UEFA Cup:** VIKING STAVANGER. 5-2. Lea leaders at the time of writing, under the guidanc Englishman Tony Knapp, the former Leicester Southampton centre-half, who did so well with Iceland national team.

SKEID OSLO. 1-8. Little hope of progress a the draw paired them with Ipswich.

## POLAND

**Champions' Cup:** RUCH CHORZOW. (record)-12. After narrowly escaping relegation previous year, Chorzow regrouped in fine style pull away at the top in the closing weeks of season. Then the tension got to them, and in end it was only on goal difference that they snea the title ahead of Widzew Lodz. A measure of t previous slump was the fact that not one R player could find a way into the 1978 World Cup Now centre-forward Malnowicz has emerged as country's second top scorer with 15 goals season.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** ARKA GDYNIA. C Surprise Cup winners with a 2-1 win over W Krakow. First appearance in Europe.

**UEFA Cup:** WIDZEW LODZ. 0-0. Pipped on g difference for the league by Ruch. How t regretted a five-week ban on their home grou imposed after a bottle thrown from the gro struck a referee! Some vital points were lost in the 'away' games. Star is Poland's outstand Footballer of the Year, Zbigniew Boniek. He ha fine World Cup, earning a return to Argent recently as a member of the Rest of the Wo squad. Yet he scored only three goals in the leagu

STAL MIELEC. 2-0. Have never lived up to th promise, despite fielding the deadly 1974 World C pairing of Grzegorz Lato and Andrzej Szarmach attack. Szarmach score 15 goals last season desp being dropped for several weeks after a row over wish for a transfer. Lato, a late inclusion in the R of the World squad to go to Argentina, hit o eight goals throughout the league seaso Remember h scored eleven in seven games to fini top scorer in the 1974 World Cup!

## PORTUGAL

**Champions' Cup:** PORTO. 7-4. The third club Portugal after Benfica and Sporting, they outlast Benfica in a tight duel for the league title. Splay the 70,000-capacity Stadio dos Antas, and lost 1- 4-1 against AEK Athens in the Champions' Cup fi round last season. Hardly strengthened for the ne attempt in Europe by the sale of their best playe general Oliveira, to Betis of Seville this summer.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** BOAVISTA. 0-3. Jimm Hagan it was who took over mid-way through th season to steer Boavista to league safety and place in Europe. They beat Sporting Lisbon 1-0 in Cup Final replay undeterred by storms—not of the own making—following both their quarter an semi-final victories.

**UEFA Cup:** BENFICA. 23-15 (both records National team boss Mario Wilson has taken over th reins after the parting of the ways with Joh Mortimore, who had to step aside because of ey trouble in mid-season. Benfica have strengthene their defence with the signings of goalkeepe Botelho and Laranjeira from Sporting Lisbon, b have lost a great deal further forward with the sal to Paris Saint-Germain of Joao Alves, the black gloved midfielder. Nevertheless Benfica remain big draw—with their tremendous domestic recor topped off by two Champions' Cup wins and thre further appearances in the final. No longer do th club adhere to the tradition which forbade th purchase of foreign players. Lost 0-0, 0-2 after extr time to eventual winners Borussi Moenchengladbach in last season's UEFA Cu second round.

SPORTING CLUB. 14-9. The second club i Portugal, behind Benfica. Founded in 1906, play i green and white hoops and claim a Cup-winner Cup victory, in 1964 at the expense of MTK

# OF EUROPE

Budapest in a replay. Have a penchant for replays. Last year they beat Porto in the Cup Final in a replay and this season it was again in a second match that they went down in the Cup to Boavista.

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

**Champions' Cup:** DUNDALK. 5-5. Frequent European campaigners, but lost 1-1, 0-6 in the first round to PSV Eindhoven the last time they appeared in the Champions' Cup three years ago.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** WATERFORD. 6-2. This is their seventh campaign in Europe but the first time they have appeared in anything but the Champions' Cup.

**UEFA Cup:** BOHEMIANS. 7-4. The most consistent Irish club over the last couple of years. Missed the league title by one point in 1977, won it last season, and just missed out again this time. Lost 0-0, 0-6 to Dresden in last year's Champions' Cup second round, after beating Omonia Nicosia in the first tie.

### RUMANIA

**Champions' Cup:** ARGES PITESTI. 2-0. A goal by veteran midfielder Dobrin—he once nearly joined Real Madrid—in the vital run-in game against Dinamo Bucharest brought Arges the title. Lost 2-1, 2-5 to Valencia in last season's UEFA Cup second round.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** STEAUA BUCHAREST. 9 (eq. rcd.)-13 (record). As CCA they dominated the early years after the war, winning the double in 1951 and 1952 but then not again until 1976. Lost 0-3, 2-0 to Monaco in last season's Champions' Cup preliminary round.

**UEFA Cup:** DINAMO BUCHAREST. 9 (eq. rcd.)-3. This is their record 14th season in Europe, though the nearest they came to a major success was in running Inter-Milan close in an early round when the Italians were at the peak of their powers. Pipped in the league this year by Arges Pitesti, losing a vital match in the last week of the season to their rivals.

UNIVERSITATEA CRAIOVA. 1-2. Went down 3-4, 1-1 at Fortuna Düsseldorf in last season's Cup-winners' first round.

### RUSSIA

**Champions' Cup:** DYNAMO TBILISI. 2-1. With Kiev, probably the best-known Soviet club team of recent years. Claim an average attendance of 60,000 in the capital of Soviet Georgia, and have two fine forwards in skipper David Kipiani and Footballer of the Year Ramas Shengelia, the 21-year-old left flank striker. Finished four points clear of Kiev in the league. Lost 0-2, 1-0 to Hertha in last season's UEFA Cup second round, but are determined to make a better showing in the Champion's Cup—though Liverpool have other ideas.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** MOSCOW DYNAMO. 11 (record) 6. Most famous of all Russian clubs, back in the competition in which they finished runners-up to Glasgow Rangers amid the Scottish fans' drunken malevolence in 1972.

**UEFA Cup:** SHACKTOR DONETSK. 0-2. Early leaders in the league this season to underline a remarkable success story. In the past couple of years Shacktor have lost no fewer than 14 top players as well as coach Vladimir Salkov to more fashionable Moscow clubs. Yet somehow they keep the conveyor belt moving with new players to fill the gaps. Lost 0-3, 1-1 to eventual winners Barcelona in last season's Cup-winners' Cup first round.

DYNAMO KIEV. 8-4. The first Soviet team to win a European trophy when they took the Cup-winners' Cup in 1975. Their outstanding player remains former European Footballer of the Year Oleg Blokhin, although the gaps left by the older stars such as Onishenko and Rudakov have yet to be filled satisfactorily. Founded in 1927, Kiev's 90,000-capacity crowds for home ties makes them one of the best-supported clubs in European competition.

### SCOTLAND

**Champions' Cup:** CELTIC. 31-25 (record). A chance to see whether Billy McNeill can prove as inspiring a manager in Europe as he was player when Celtic won this trophy in 1967.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** GLASGOW RANGERS. 37 (record)-22. Cup-winners' victors in 1972 and runners-up in 1961 and 1967. Disappointed manager John Greig last season by going down 0-1, 1-1 to Köln in the Champions' Cup semi-finals after having overcome Juventus and PSV Eindhoven. The new hero of Ibrox is one-time Sunderland cast-off Billy Russell.

**UEFA Cup:** ABERDEEN. 1-2, 1-2. Revitalised by Ally MacLeod, whose work was carried on by Billy McNeill until he left for Celtic. Lost 0-3, 2-0 against Fortuna Düsseldorf in last season's Cup-winners' Cup second round.

DUNDEE UNITED. 0-0. Orjan Persson remains the club's most-capped international—and he was Swedish! Lost 0-1, 0-0 to Standard Liege in last season's UEFA Cup first round.

**Strasbourg, who will be in the European Cup this season.**

### SPAIN

**Champions' Cup:** REAL MADRID. 19 (record)-13. Founded 1902 and still wearing the famous all-white in which they won six Champions' Cups—including the first five—and finished runners-up on two other occasions, as well as being Cup-winners' runners-up once. World club champions in 1960 and the most famous team in the world. Came within a whisker of the double but, badly hit by injuries, lost 2-0 to Valencia in the Cup Final. Laurie Cunningham is the major newcomer, costing £950,000 from West Bromwich and Madrid should have a potent attacking trio of the black England winger, Santillana and Juanito if they reached the quarter-finals. I say "if" because Juanito is under UEFA suspension for the first two rounds. New boss is Yugoslav Vujadin Boskov. Lost 3-1, 0-2 to Grasshoppers in last season's second round.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** BARCELONA. 9-18. Holders of the CWC, three times Fairs' Cup winners, once runners-up in both Champions' and Cup-winners' Cups—that's the proud record of Barcelona who seem to have returned to winning ways following the departure of Johan Cruyff. Fellow Dutchman Johan Neeskens has gone too, so Hans Krankl's partner up front next season will be Danish star Allan Simonsen from Borussia Moenchengladbach. Joaquin Rifa was confirmed as manager after the 4-3 CWC win over Fortuna Düsseldorf.

VALENCIA. 4-6. There's a new spirit at Valencia following the sacking of temperamental French boss Marcel Domingo and victory by 2-0 over Real Madrid in the Cup Final. They will be a big draw next season with Argentina's 1978 World Cup star Mario Kempes—he scored both goals against Madrid—and West Germany's Rainer Bonhof in the team, to say nothing of the fact that another big name, Alfredo Di Stefano, is back as manager. Kempes had a poor season last term—apart from the Cup—and is determined to regain his scoring crown from Krankl. Valencia could, at last, make sparks fly. They lost 1-1, 0-2 to West Bromwich in last season's UEFA Cup third round.

**UEFA Cup:** SPORTING GIJON. 0-0. World Cup men provide experience in the shape of utility player Javier Uria and skipper and high-scoring centre-forward Quini. Coach Vicente Miera, the man who built the Gijon miracle, left at the end of last season because he couldn't agree terms on a new contract and this, plus the surprise sale of Spain winger Enrique Moran to Betis, could prove crucial weaknesses. Lost 0-1, 1-1, against Red Star Belgrade in last season's UEFA Cup second round.

ATLETICO MADRID. 8-5. Went through three coaches in 12 months and are now back with the original man, one-time midfield general Luis Aragones. He played—and scored—in the 1974 Champions' Cup final when Atletico lost in a replay to Bayern Munich and it's a return to that sort of grand stage that he is seeking. Foreign stars are Luis Pereira, the 1974 Brazil World Cup stopper, and Argentina's speedy Ruben Ayala. Up front the goals come from Spain's Argentina-born spearhead Ruben Cano.

REAL SOCIEDAD. 0-0. A club built on local players, and traditional opponents of the opening of the borders to foreigners. Best home-grown products now are goalkeeper Luis Arconda and highly promising young forward Roberto Lopez Ufarte.

### SWEDEN

**Champions' Cup:** OESTERS VAXJO. 2-0. Overtook Malmo in mid-season shrewdly guided by coach Lahan Ameisson, who has been co-opted to help national boss Georg Ericsson. Few famous names outside Sweden, though central defender Hakan Arvidsson, 28, played against England recently and Goran Hagberg is back in goal after a leg injury. Hagberg was the only Oesters man in the 1978 World Cup Squad to go to Argentina. In attack they lean on Icelandic international Teitur Thordarsson—though he is unlikely to be able to turn the tide against Nottingham Forest.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** I.F.K. GOTHENBURG. 8-1. With ex-Sweden spearhead Ove Kindvall now the general manager, IFK were hopeful of going a couple of rounds in Europe. However, their chances have suffered a major setback with centre forward Ralf Edström's decision to return to full-time pro football at Standard Liege.

**UEFA Cup:** MALMO F.F. 12-9 (record). Have won the league seven times in the last 14 years, three of those triumphs coming in the past five years since the advent of English coach Bob Houghton. Malmö made few friends with their stultifying display in Munich, where they lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest after becoming the first Swedish team to reach any European final, let along the Champions' Cup event. However, the 1974 and 1975 double winners were badly served by the ill-luck which robbed them of Bo Larsson and Roy Andersson in defence and then during the game, of midfielder Staffan Tapper. Had eight men in Argentina, though Thomas Sjoeberg has since left.

KALMAR. 0-0. Revitalised by the return of Roland Sandberg. The 1974 World Cup star retired from playing because of injury while with Kaiserslautern in West Germany. But since returning to become Kalmar manager he has tried a come-back with such success that he is now in line for a national team recall, at 32.

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# SPAIN PLANS WELL AHEAD

## by Keir Radnedge

**THE 1978 World Cup Finals is little more than a year behind us, yet already work is going ahead at a feverish pace to get Spain ready to host the 1982 *Mundial*.**

And it didn't take Spanish organising committee chairman Raimundo Saporta long to come up with a programme and list of stadia once FIFA had agreed to increase the number of finalists from 16 to 24.

Saporta's programme is a remarkable piece of work, managing to satisfy almost everyone.

As had already been secretly agreed, Barcelona (Nou Camp) take the Opening Game, which will again feature the holders (Argentina of course), while the final goes to Real Madrid's Chamartin.

But the need to stage six first round groups has provided Saporta with the ideal opportunity to sling the World Cup largesse around all the provincial towns who had been vying for matches.

No fewer than 14 separate centres all over Spain will stage matches, from Bilbao in the northern Basque country, down to Alicante on the Costa del Sol—from Vigo in the north-western province of Galicia just above the Portuguese border, to Barcelona at the opposite extreme in Catalonia.

The big surprise when plans were released was the absence of San Sebastian. It was an unpleasant shock too for Jose Luis Orbegozo, president of the Real Sociedad club.

The local authority had stalled for so long over a decision on whether to support the club's plans to build a new stadium, to be called the Zubieta, that in the end Saporta had no alternative, but to cross them off his list.

The council claimed later that social and economic problems made support for a World Cup centre impossible, but there will be a lot of red faces when the tourists and football fans pour through in 1982 . . . and spend their money everywhere except in San Sebastian.

Of course, these plans have to go to FIFA, but there is no doubt they will be ratified, and then we await the qualifying round draw on October 16.

One minor hiccup remains, over the third place game. On the one hand it appears this had gone to Barcelona (Nou Camp), but there was also a feeling that it should be awarded to the stadium which lost a first round tie because Barcelona took over the Opening Game.

It is also possible this will be staged in the end in Madrid—almost in Chamartin, then in the Manzanares. The thought of transporting the entire World Cup caravan to Barcelona and back overnight in time for the final is pretty horrific—and FIFA may well think so too before 1982 comes along.

Finally, a word about the different symbols created. The Spanish organising committee have, amid the major controversy so far aroused, chosen as their marketing symbol a figure called *Naranjito*—a little humanised orange. That delighted the orange-growing provinces, Valencia in particular, but was scorned elsewhere.

However, *Naranjito* it is—not to be confused with Billy and Suzy who were launched as official FIFA mascots during the last World Cup and who will no doubt be in direct competition with *Naranjito* once the Finals bandwagon gets rolling.

It would be nice to think we could concentrate on reporting football and not finances in Spain in 1982, but somehow I don't think it will work that way—particularly since preparations could well cost the Spanish government some £40 million. And that's just the first estimate.

### THE 17 GROUNDS

**BARCELONA—NOU CAMP.** Home of CF Barcelona, the present Cup-winners' Cup holders. Will stage the Opening Game featuring holders Argentina as well as three second round matches, one semi-final and possibly the third-place match.

Previous big occasions include many Spain internationals, the 1972 Cup-winners' Cup final and a semi-final and third place match in the 1964 European Championship.

The stadium was officially opened in 1957 and has a capacity of 90,000-53,000 seated, 37,000 standing. However, the club have

Danish international star, Alan Simonsen, proudly displays the strip of his new club, Barcelona, to the news media.

**The Real Madrid Football team plus new acquisition, £950,000 Laurie Cunningham from WBA pose for the press in the impressive Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.**

already announced plans to increase capacity by 10,000.

**BARCELONA—SARRIA.** Home of Espanol. Will stage three second round games. One of the oldest stadia still in use in Spain, since it was opened in 1923 and was for years the home of Barcelona.

Capacity is 40,000—27,700 seated and 13,300 standing. In April new floodlights were switched on for the first time, bringing the illumination up to colour television standards.

**VALENCIA—MESTALLA.** Home of first division Valencia. Will stage three first round games.

At the moment has a capacity of 52,000, but work is in progress to raise this to 70,000. Floodlights suitable for colour television were switched on for the first time during the European championship game against Rumania last season.

**ELCHE—NUEVO ESTADIO.** Home of Elche, and opened less than two years ago with a capacity of 40,000—half seated. Plans are under way to add about 5,000 more seats. Will stage three first round games.

**ALICANTE—RICO PEREZ.** Home of first division Hercules, and a popular tourist trap. Will stage three first round games.

Stadium was opened in 1974 and has an all-seater capacity of 30,000, with a possible increase of 10,000 by the time of the Finals.

**ZARAGOZA—LA ROMAREDA.** Home of first division Zaragoza, but owned by the municipal authorities. Will stage three first round games.

Opened in 1957 with a capacity of 33,766, but extension work between 1974 and 1978 brought the capacity up to 43,909, with 27,309 seated and 16,600 standing.

One necessary job will be to extend the pitch by three metres to meet the 105-metre minimum laid down by FIFA for the World Cup, and also to widen it by one metre to the necessary 68.

**BILBAO—SAN MAMES.** Home of Athletic Bilbao, nicknamed El Catedral for the effect of the curious steel bow over the main stand. Owned by the Athletic Club and opened first in 1913—though plenty of work has been carried out since to keep its facilities up with the times.

A lot of work to remodel the stadium is planned after it was decided to drop—on the grounds both of cost and time—the idea of building a new stadium on the outskirts of the city. The one problem of San Mames is its situation in a busy residential and business area.

Capacity is 41,400, with 27,000 seated and 14,400 standing, though already work is about to begin on an extension to up the total by 16,000. Some £2.5 million has been estimated as the cost of bringing San Mames up to scratch.

**VALLADOLID—EL PRADO.** Will be the newest of the World Cup stadia, since work has barely begun on building it yet! Is due to stage three first round games in a multi-sport centre some two-and-a-half miles from the centre of Valladolid.

Envisaged capacity is 38,000 for a stadium in a town which hasn't seen first division football—let alone an international—for 15 years.

**CORUNA—RIAZOR.** Home of second division La Coruna, the team who discovered Luis Suarez and Iaer Amancio. Will stage three first round games.

Owned by the municipal authorities, who organise the annual Trofeo Teresa Herrera tournament in Riazor, present capacity is 22,182, with 10,182 seated. However, £2 million plans have been drawn up to lift capacity to 38,246, which will mean building a new main stand and probably another behind the one goal, which at the moment is open land.

**VIGO—BALAIDOS.** Home of Celta de Vigo, and another municipally-owned stadium. Will stage three first round games. Has a 40,000 capacity, with 30,000 seated.

**GIJON—EL MOLINON.** Home of Sporting Gijon, league runners-up last season. Will stage three first round games.

The stadium, unusually for Spain with all stands covered, was first used in 1911 and now has a 35,000 capacity, with just 7,500 seated. Dressing room facilities are good and there are parking facilities for about 4,000 cars.

Nearby are ideal buildings for a Press centre. The complex is about a mile from the centre of Gijon.

**MALAGA—LA ROSALEDA.** Home of Malaga, promoted to the first division at the end of last season. Will stage three first round games.

Present capacity is 30,000, with 13,227 seated. It is hoped to increase capacity to 35,000, with 17,500 seats. The lighting will also have to be improved to come up to standard for colour television.

There is parking space nearly for 1,500 cars at the moment, though it is thought this can be increased to accommodate 7,000. Major work is also planned on Press, radio and TV facilities.

**OVIEDO—CARLOS TARTIERE.** Home of another second division club, in Oviedo. Will stage three first round matches.

Opened in 1932 and has a 20,000 capacity, with 16,000 seated. However, major reconstruction work will be necessary since the stadium has been neglected to such an extent it looks like a left-over ruin from the civil war.

**SEVILLE—SANCHEZ PIZJUAN.** Home of first division Sevilla. Will stage one first round game and one semi-final.

Has a capacity of 70,410, which includes 20,410 seated and 50,000 standing. The pitch will need to be widened to come up to World Cup Finals standards. Parking is good.

**SEVILLE—BENITO VILLAMARIN.** Home of newly-promoted Betis. Will stage two first round games.

Has a 51,968 capacity, including 21,968 seated and 30,000 standing. Another pitch which will need widening. Floodlighting is adequate for colour television and car parking is reasonable.

Lot of work needed on media facilities. At the moment there's just one television cabin!

**MADRID-MANZANARES.** Also known as the Estadio Vicente Calderon, this is the home of Atletico Madrid. Will stage three second round games.

Building began in 1959 and continued on and off, as funds jerked in, until 1966, when Atletico finally moved in. However it wasn't for several more years that work was completed, and the official inauguration had to wait until the Spain-Uruguay game in May 1972!

Has a 70,000 capacity, all seated, with 20,000 places covered. Has 70 gates, 40 staircases, 35 bars/restaurants, a good public address system using 70 loudspeakers and full facilities for the teams, including gymnasia, saunas, etc.

There's parking for 4,500 cars and 100 coaches.

Staged the recent Spanish Cup Final in which Valencia beat Real Madrid 2-0.

**MADRID-CHAMARTIN.** Also known as the Estadio Bernabeu, after the late Real Madrid president who — against huge opposition — saw the stadium built to specifications worthy of the great team he then created to play in it.

The first stage of building was between 1945 and 1947, creating a bowl to hold 90,000. Between 1953 and 1954 more work went ahead to increase capacity to 125,000, making this by far the biggest stadium in Spain, and one of the biggest in Europe.

However, though Madrid may boast of 32 staircases and the 64 gates which can empty the stadium in 16 minutes, there is plenty of modernisation to be done to bring the stadium up to scratch for the biggest event in its history — the 1982 World Cup Final.

At the moment only some 31,226 of those 125,000 are seated. The problem is that to install more seats will of necessity bring the capacity down.

# IPSWICH POTENTIAL

## by KEN GOLDMAN

**SOME years ago, in April 1960 to be exact, I saw a Spurs side who had just experienced a very bad patch, give a scintilating performance against Blackpool in their last home match of the season.**

Pundits watching the match from all parts of the ground agreed that if Spurs had played that way all season, they would have won the League and, should they be able to play like it against the next term, they would have a very good chance of the Title.

Well, the following season saw Spurs win their first eleven straight matches and go on to complete the Cup and League Double. By coincidence that 1960/61 season saw the emergence of Ipswich Town who under the managership of the then Alf Ramsey, clinch the Second Division title and finished seven points clear of Liverpool, who were third and in those days, not promoted.

I was reminded of that Spurs versus Blackpool game when I saw Ipswich play their last League match of the season at Queens Park Rangers on the eve of the 1979 Cup Final. Ipswich won their game by four goals to nil, on the night that Tommy Docherty returned as the new Rangers' manager.

The performance, albeit against a relegated side, was not only similarly scintilating but was at times, quite breathtaking and the score should have been double the four goals that Ipswich actually netted.

What impressed me most of all about that Ipswich team was the apparent complete balance of the side, with only perhaps a slight question mark about the goalkeeping position. Bobby Robson having sold Brian Talbot to Arsenal last season, bought both wisely and well in obtaining the two Dutchmen, Arnold Muhren and Franz Tissen and they are supplemented in mid-field by the highly enterprising John Wark, now a full Scottish International.

At full back the international pair of Burley and Mills are quick and strong in the tackle, with both having a flair for coming forward, particularly Mills, who occasionally swashbuckles in a mid-field role.

Up front, the alert, powerful Paul Mariner is ably supported by either Eric Gates or Alan Brazil, both of whom are comparative youngsters and they are well supplemented by the skilful dashing flank play of Clive Woods.

But it is in the middle of the defence where Ipswich are perhaps the strongest in the League. The two incumbents are those full internationals Kevin Beattie and Allan Hunter, but injuries to this pair have let in the two most exciting and promising central defenders to appear in English football for many years.

**They are Russell Osman and Terry Butcher. These two have quickly become under 21 internationals, and with the departure of Dave Watson to Germany, they may soon be challenging for full international places.**

I spoke to Bobby Robson after his second team had just beaten Barnet in a pre-season friendly and the mood was one of great optimism. It was felt that perhaps Ipswich could win the EUFA Cup this year. My own feeling is, that not only is it a distinct possibility, but they could also be in the top three in the league as well.

If balance has anything to do with football, the scales may swing away from Liverpool and Forest towards East Anglia in 1979/80.

Mention of Barnet brings me to another tip for honours, this time non-league ones. Barnet have joined the newly-formed Alliance League and even though they have now lost the services of the incomparable Jimmy Greaves, nonetheless, manager Barry Fry and Chairman, Dave Underwood, the former Liverpool and Fulham goalkeeper, have got together a fine young side who are attracting a lot of league scouts to Underhill.

They defeated Northampton Town 3-0 in another pre-season friendly, and the three men who continue to impress, and all of whom are youngsters, are goalkeeper Kevin Blackwell, mid-field man Russell Townsend and a flying winger who peefers the left flank, Garry French.

Incidentally, Jimmy Greaves is expected to join Woodford Town this season, to link up there with another ex-Spurs international, Joe Kinnear. The rumour has it that Woodford are poised to sign some other top stars of yesteryear and the Snakes Lane ground should be a lively place in the coming months.

As this piece has been laced with references to Spurs it is only fair to finish with an assessment of their chances. If they can retain the very gifted Glen Hoddle and only find a front striker to create the movement that Hoddle needs to make the best use of his raking and telling passes, Tottenham could be in for a good season.

Osvaldo Ardiles, one of the most popular players in the Football League (in the top three in both the players' and the football writer's polls earlier in the year) has settled in well and his Argentinian team mate, "Ricky" Villa has shown much patience on the substitutes' bench and a high degree of skill when he has got on to the playing field. When both have fully settled down, Spurs could reap the full benefits.

I leave the last word to Ardiles, who says of his first season in England: "Sometimes I find it hard to believe how well things have gone, and the people here all appear to like me. I am very pleased to play football in England and would be quite happy to do so for some years to come." Those of us who have seen him play will certainly hope that he does.

Glen Hoddle, Tottenham Hotspur's exciting, young mid-fielder shadowed here by Norwich City's Kevin Reeves.

# The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

BRAZIL'S, Coutinho's U-turn fascinates me. At least the good captain has the courage of his changed convictions. He is also no end of a survivor. I should still like to know how he retained his job as national team manager after—to coin a metaphor—being banished from the bridge by the egregious Admiral Nunes, during the last World Cup.

It was then, you may remember, that the good sailor described the ex-soldier as "a man of scarce technical capacities", attributing Brazil's contining survival in the competition—which I, in my innocence would have ascribed to astonishing errors by Cardenosa of Spain and Pezzey of Austria—to the wisdom of Brazil's officials.

Meaning himself, of course. Nice to know that pompous old jacks in office are not confined merely to there islands.

Though Coutinho, with more bravado than judgment, proclaimed Brazil the moral victors of the tournament (to which Manotti, who has still to tell us What Made Sammy (or Mrio) Run right through the Final, replied that Brazil were welcome to be moral winners if Argentina kept the Cup) few outside Brazil agreed with him.

The fact was, as we had seen when Brazil came bruisingly to Wembley in May last year, Coutinho had produced a team of kickers. For all his much pilloried talk of polyvalence, meaning Total Football, the debonair polyglot had imbued his team with ideas which he took to be European, but which Europeans found merely harsh and negative. Strikers were encouraged to chase back. Defenders were not discouraged from chasing back to chop. The likes of Marinho, Joaozinho and Paulo Cesar went out of the window, altogether too idiosyncratic for the harsh New Order.

So Brazil stumbled and hacked their way to that meaningless third place which could, to give Coutinho his due, have been a mch higher place, had the Peruvians not mysteriously collapsed at Rosario in the final game of their pool, thus enabling Argentina to go sailing into the Final on goal difference.

But now, with sixteen goals in three games against Paraguay, Uruguay and Ajax, the new Brazil is playing, a year too late alas, just the kind of football which might have won it not only the World Cup, but the acclaim universally accorded to the 1970 World Cup winners.

The watchword is attack; so much so that Leao has been turned into a Gyula Grosics type sweeper-goalkeeper, playing as an out of goal defender in practice games, to prepare him for the task. Joaozinho and Falcao, the midfielder who was left behind last year, are back in the team.

There is a splendid new centre-forward in the tall Socrates, of the Corinthians, a medical student—actually a qualified doctor now—who is said to be the best since Tostao (centre forward, that's to say) and who has provided a perfect foil for Zico; such a disappointment in Argentina.

Paulo Cesar Carpeggiani, another to be overlooked for Argentina, is also back, in midfield, in a key constructive role.

He and Falcao, when both play, are there to keep the wheels turning in midfield. Zico is now what the Italians would call a *mezza punta*, a semi-spearhead, playing just behind, and off, the lofty Socrates. The two wingers, Nilton Batata from Botafogo on the right—at last a right winger to follow Julinho, Garrincha and Jairzinho, it seems—either Joaozinho or Eder on the left.

And no nonsense about a deep-lying winger à la Zagalo, if you please. Coutinho has made it very clear, in his new, brisk, enterprising posture, that he wants no truck with the breed. Wingers are there to dribble and dash.

From the dour 1978 Show, Oscar and Amaral—the little black stopper who cleared breathlessly off the line from Cardenosa—remain in defence, but neither is used as a sweeper. This, though one plays slightly deeper than the other. If there's a sweeper at all it is Leao; and the full-backs are used to add power to the attack. How ironic that the best attacking full-back in South America, Marinho, should now be in New York with the extraordinary Cosmos.

How ironic that Coutinho should have excluded him, on grounds of discipline and character, wholly from his World Cup squad. Come to think of it, how ironic that it is only now, one year after the last World Cup and three long years before the next one (anything could happen!) that Coutinho should see the light and restore to Brazilian football some of its old splendour and adventure.

As for Admiral Nunes, all things to all men, he is lucky that no one made him walk the plank. "Wise officials", indeed!

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My least favourite Italian defender, Giuseppe Wilson, the Darlington-born Lazio sweeper, who makes Romeo Benetti (who has now joined him in Rome, with Roma) look a choir boy, has been in deep trouble . . . with the Cosmos.

Wilson, always a firm friend of the controversial but much more amiable Giogio Chinaglia, with whom he played for Inter-Napoli before both joined Lazio, last year went to the Cosmos in mid-season and, playing largely in midfield, helped them to win the Championship.

This year he had agreed to go again, but when the season in Italy was over and the chips were down, he refused. The Cosmos were naturally irate and threatened to sue Lazio for three-quarters of a million dollars. Umberto Lenzini, the club President, huffed, puffed, and eventually declared that he had spoken to FIFA, who had assured him that no such heavy penalties would be incurred. In consequence, Lazio and Wilson had nothing to worry about. Or not very much.

*(If you think this is scarcely the most straightforward way to run a ship or a football club, I might be persuaded to agree with you.)*

Wilson, who meanwhile had made a remarkable public outburst against another Lazio director who insisted the club should not be embroiled in the sorry affair, stayed in Italy. But why did he not go to New York, where a fat salary and some easy paced football was waiting for him, after he had so agreed?

The answer I have seen is indeed a bizarre one; to the effect that had he played in America he would have been late back for Lazio's pre-season training. This would automatically mean that he be struck off the *rosa*, the list of first team players for the season, which means in turn that he would not pocket his *inaggio*, the massive signing-on fee which represents most of an italian footballer's annual wages.

Could this be true? One would have thought that if such be the case, Lazio could resolve matters, as dear Edward Heath would have it, at a stroke, could simply tell Wilson he had permission to report a little late. In any event, it's not as if the man wouldn't be fitter, rather than less fit, than colleagues who'd spent the summer bakin on beaches.

By the time you read this, I imagine Cosmos and Lazio will have reached some kind of accommodation. But you can scarcely blame Cosmos for being old-fashioned enough to believe that when they sign a contract with a player, even an Italian player from a Roman club, he and that club will keep it.

Wilson it was, in case you have forgotten, who knocked down David Best, then the Ipswich Town goalkeeper, now Dorchester Town's manager, in the tunnel after Lazio v Ipswich in the UEFA Cup, and kicked him savagely till Bobby Robson and others dragged him away.

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Speaking of Bobby Robson, one could not help being wryly amused by the behaviour of Ipswich Town when Athletic Bilbao wished to tempt him away. Ipswich are as we know a patrician club, rather than one run by butchers and bakers and get-rich-quickers; which doesn't means that they are anybody's patsy. Just as, some years back, they very properly refused to let Bill McGarry go to Wolves till they'd finished his contract with them, so they quite justifiably asked Bilbao for a £200,00 transfer fee, since Robson had a ten-year contract to work out. Bilbao flounced away in a huff. Petulant and illogical of them.

Bravo, Ipswich!

# CITY RAISE EYEBROWS—EVERYWHERE!

by Derick Allsop

The managerial partnership of Tony Book and his assistant, Malcolm Allison, make 17-year-old Steve McKenzie welcome at Maine Road after they had signed the £250,000 mid-fielder from Crystal Palace.

TEAM shake-ups for the start of another season are nothing new in any part of the world, but Manchester City's recent activities have raised eyebrows far beyond the North of England.

They virtually exploded their established set-up and then scoured the globe to pick up the pieces.

The first rumblings came during last season, when Malcolm Allison returned to Maine Road as coach and England's Bill Taylor decided he was no longer wanted at the club.

The inevitable happened in July. Chairman Peter Swales announced that Allison would be put in charge of team affairs, although Tony Book would retain the title of manager.

Swales argued: "This is the system used on the Continent, where the coach concentrates on the team and the manager handles wider aspects of club matters."

Whatever the titles, Allison was now undeniably boss and he continued his extraordinary rebuilding operation with fresh gusto. His search for players took him from the Continent to the English Second Division, from South America to Crystal Palace reserves.

City set off on a pre-season trip to Scotland and Belgium with a party of strangers. Their opening line-up included such names as Caton, Reid, MacKenzie and Robinson. Still to come were Shinton and Stepanovic.

There was no Watson, no Hartford, no Kidd, no Owen, no Barnes.

In fairness to Allison and City, changes—whether in personnel or tactics—had to be made. For a year or two City's illustrious squad were the nearly men, knocking on the door for the major honours.

But last season, after starting out with justified optimism, they became the nowhere-near-men. Supposedly lesser teams were taking City apart on their ground.

Allison waded in with typical bravado. He tried the sweeper system, he tried just two men up, he tried men raiding along the wings from deep. He tried a host of players and as many formations.

Allison's industry appeared to achieve little and disturbed many, particularly some of City's more celebrated players.

They complained Allison was confusing them, that they were taking the field not really understanding his tactics or their roles. Resentment spread and Allison knew it. He even sensed a conspiracy against him.

He was in no doubt by then that a wholesale clear-out was needed and that a new-look Manchester City would have to be fashioned.

Allison recalls: "I had to break up the side or they would have driven me mad. It was time for drastic changes, time for a new beginning because I felt they weren't a team at all. I couldn't see them winning anything.

"There was no way you could really improve that side. Lots of people were too set in their ways and had made up their minds the way they were going to play. They didn't like it when I tried to change that way and blamed the tactics, not themselves.

"A lot of players resented me and some of them grouped against the new man coming in. In some cases this attitude never changed. But one or two of the players who resented me are still here and I believe they have changed their minds.

"The dressing room is now 100 per cent better than when I came and so is the attitude," he said.

And so familiar names were on their way. Top scorer Brian Kidd went to Everton, Asa Hartford to Nottingham Forest, Peter Barnes and Gary Owen to West Bromwich Albion and Dave Watson to Werder Bremen in West Germany.

Allison went back to Germany to sign Watson's replacement, 30-year-old Yugoslav Dragoslav Stepanovic, claiming his new centre-half was better than the old.

In Germany, Watson responded by saying Stepanovic, who cost City £140,000, had been up for grabs at £25,000 last season and there were no takers.

City's second foreign player—following Kazimierz Deyna—might have arrived from any corner of the earth. Allison was reported to be lining up a couple of Danish players. Then he was in France checking on, among others, Michel Platini. He was also negotiating a deal in Sweden.

But from Argentina came news of a definite capture. Argentinian Claudio Marangoni revealed that he and his club San Lorenzo had clinched a £200,000 transfer to City and that he was on his way.

The 24-year-old midfield player said: "City have assured me I will be the organiser, not just a marker and runner. Everything is agreed and I am looking forward to playing in England."

All of which left City slightly amused. They were interested in the player, all right, as Arsenal had been. But they wanted Marangoni on trial before committing themselves. San Lorenzo insisted on a straightforward sale so City pulled out of the deal.

Other deals did go through, however, Allison found his front man in Preston's 21-year-old Mick Robinson after Charlton's Mike Flanagan had turned down a move to Maine Road. Robinson cost a staggering £750,000.

City paid £300,000 for Wrexham's Bobby Shinton and then gave Allison £250,000 for Crystal Palace's Steve McKenzie, a 17-year-old who had never experienced first-team football.

When City began the pre-season Edinburgh tournament with a match against Coventry City Allison also thrust in 16-year-old central defender Tommy Caton and 18-year-old Nick Reid.

Caton, in fact, scored late in the game, but City slipped to a 3-1 defeat. The joints and the inexperience were only too obvious.

Yet Allison remained defiant. "You can't expect everything to go right in the first match. We have a few things to adjust, but they are settling down all right, no problem," he said.

"We've got these matches to sort things out so our fans will have to wait for the season to start before they can see what our team are really like."

City's fans won't be the only people waiting to see.

# Dynamo Tbilisi go on top in the USSR

## from Terry Bushell

**LIVERPOOL'S opponents in the European Cup, Dynamo Tbilisi, went to the top of the Soviet Supreme League at the half-way stage with a 2-0 home win over Zenit of Leningrad.**

Tbilisi had 28 points from 18 games, with second-placed Shakhtyor Donetsk on 27 points from 17 games. For the match with Zenit, Tbilisi had injury problems with their strikers, and played with only one proper striker, Chivadze, with Daraselia and M. Machaidze giving close support. They did their job well against the mediocre opposition, Daraselia scoring the second goal after Chivadze had put them in the lead.

Tbilisi have taken over the mantle of leading Soviet team from Dynamo Kiev under the managership of Nodar Akhalkatsi, who joined them three years ago. Akhalkatsi, 40, played for ten years in Second Division teams in Tbilisi, mainly the local Locomotive side.

Georgia was the first Soviet republic to develop football, Dynamo Tbilisi being formed in 1925. The founding of the club by a group of enthusiasts in the face of all sorts of difficulties is the subject of a very funny Georgian comedy film. Called "The First Swallow", it ends with the team singing a defiant song on a sea coast as a British ship sails away—the team had just been thrashed by the British sailors in its first "international".

Tbilisi had to wait 41 years before winning the national championship. In 1964 they won the League after a play-off with Moscow Torpedo. The Georgians won 4-1 in a great match that is still talked about. But then, though firmly established in the Supreme League, they had to wait another 14 years before winning it again—last year.

In Akhalkatsi's first year, they came third in the League and won the Cup. The following year they came second behind Kiev and the year after that they won it. And they stand a good chance of winning it again this year.

But their international results have not improved much on that first debacle with the British seamen. British fans will recall a 5-1 thrashing by Spurs at Tottenham in the third round of the UEFA Cup in 1974. All Spur's goals came late in the game and all were headed. This second leg match followed a 1-1 draw in Tbilisi, in which Vladimire Gutsayev scored a controversial goal by heading the ball out of the hands of goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

Last year Tbilisi went out of the UEFA Cup to Hertha Berlin, losing 2-0 in Berlin after winning 1-0 at home.

Several of the side that appeared against Spurs are still around, including Gutsayev, though that great captain of the club and the national team, Murtaz Khurtsilava, has gone. Khurtsilava played 67 times for the national side.

As for the national side now, it is a strange fact that though Shakhtyor Donetsk and Tbilisi are the two leading teams, the former does not have a single player even in the squad from which the national team is picked, while the latter provides only three regulars—Gutsayev, 21-year-old Ramaz Shengelia, last season's Player of the Year, and Vitali Daraselia, also 21.

Other Tbilisi players in the national squad who make occasional appearances in the Soviet team are Tomaz Kostava, Shota Kinchagashvili and the veteran David Kipiani.

It is commonly believed here that with national team manager Nikita Simonyan being a Muscovite he tends to pick too many players from Moscow clubs. For the European Championship match against Finland, however, his side was so hit by injuries he had to call into the team Kipiani, though the latter was replaced by team-mate Shengelia ten minutes from the end.

**Simonyan also called up young Dynamo Kiev striker Alexander Khapsalis from the Under-21 side—and it was Khapsalis who scored the Soviet goal in the 1-1 draw.**

Pouring rain spoiled the match. The Soviet Union took the lead when Finnish keeper Alaya failed to hold the ball from a long shot from Khidiyatullin. The ball rebounded from his chest and Khapsalis rushed in to score in an empty net. A nice debut present.

The equaliser also resulted from a goalkeeping blunder. Soviet keeper Romensky, also playing for the first time in a competitive full international, was out of p?osition after a corner and could only watch helpless as the ball trickled over the line to barely reach the back of the net. The goal was credited to Ismail, but he in fact only just touched the ball as it rolled past him into the goal.

**Finland:** Alaya, Lampi, Tolsa, Houtsolen, Ranta, Rautiainen, Puuke, ISalonen, 77I, Kuoisinen, Ismail, Nieminen.

**USSR:** Romensky, Prigoda, Khinchagashvili, Makhovikov, Dubnov, Daraselia, Khidiatylin, Besonov, Chesnokov, Kipiani (Shengelia, 70), Khapsalis.

David Kipiani (white) of Dynamo Tbilisi.

Dynamo Tbilisi, the USSR Champions from Georgia who are first-time entrants in the European Cup and face Liverpool in the first round.

## Jack Rollin previews the new English season

# TRANSFER MARKET BUSIER THAN EVER

**THE 1979 close season was the most expensive ever witnessed in the history of the Football League. With a few days remaining before the first full programme the total expenditure on basic fees was somewhere in excess of £16 million.**

Manchester City became the biggest spenders with four major signings costing £1.5 million. Of this foursome Mick Robinson, a striker from Second Division Preston North End, was valued at £756,000 after less than 50 League games in his career; the experienced forward Bobby Shinton £300,000 from Wrexham; Yugoslavian international Dragoslav Stepanovic for £140,000 from the West German Second Division club Wormatia and Steve MacKenzie, a 17-year-old without any previous senior experience, for £250,000 from Crystal Palace.

Away from Maine Road to City's rivals Manchester United at Old Trafford, their efforts were more modest in that they paid out only £750,000 for Chelsea's captain and midfield player Ray Wilkins.

### Selling

However, the City side were involved in selling players as well with Peter Barnes moving to West Bromwich Albion for £650,000 and Gary Owen making the same journey for £450,000. Other departures were Asa Hartford to Nottingham Forest for £500,000 and Dave Watson to Werder Bremen of the Bundesliga for £200,000.

Albion were involved in the biggest single move when Laurie Cunningham joined Real Madrid for £900,000.

Newly promoted Crystal Palace spent over £1 million with the signings of Mike Flanagan from Charlton at £722,000 and Gerry Francis from Queen's Park Rangers at £465,000.

Forest also made a significant signing with Frank Gray making a rather surprise move from Leeds United at £475,000.

The expenditure was not confined to First Division clubs because Queen's Park Rangers secured the services of Tony Currie, also from Leeds United, for £400,000.

Ironically the pre-season highlight of the last few seasons has been the Charity Shield at Wembley which this year produced a record crowd for the game of 92,000 and receipts of £280,000.

The opposing sides — Liverpool as champions and Arsenal as cup winners — seemed in some perverse way to be above the monetary mayhem which had afflicted everyone else in the early gyrations of freedom of contract.

For the Anfield club's £200,000 on Avi Cohen an Israeli international and Frank McGarvey at £300,000 from St. Mirren appeared almost miserly in comparison, though Arsenal actually paid out nothing at all.

Indeed the big blow to Highbury was the forced retirement of the much injured Malcolm Macdonald who after a season spent summerwise in Sweden with Djurgaarden his right knee finally gave up again and he took medical advice to quit the game.

Yet the difference on the field of play between Liverpool and Arsenal was as much in terms of standards as the financial margin quoted. Liverpool's prospects on this form are as good as ever.

With Alan Hansen showing an increasing maturity in the position once held for so long by Emlyn Hughes who has moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers, the defence which conceded just 16 League goals in 1978-79 appears to be as sound as always.

Liverpool at least know exactly how their squad is going to reset, but with so many key players being added to their rivals, the prospects are by no means as clear.

### Discover

Just how Malcolm Allison's sweeping changes will affect Manchester City now that he has taken over the team manager's role at Maine Road is something which only the early weeks of the term will discover.

Forest after suffering a rare 5-0 defeat in a friendly with Bayern Munich in West

Arsenal's Sammy Nelson feels the strain during a training session at Highbury, as Northern Ireland team-mate Pat Jennings lends a hand.

**The two most expensive signings in London, Gerry Francis £465,000 from Q.P.R. and Mick Flanagan £650,000 sport the shirts of their new team, First Division newcomers Crystal Palace.**

Germany finished their Continental excursion in good form and will clearly be able to mount a challenge for the title which Liverpool took away from them last season — or allowed them to have depending on your point of view.

Brian Clough's strengthening measures which have brought Hartford and Gray to the City Ground are in truth replacement signings for Archie Gemmill now with Birmingham City and Frank Clark who has retired to take up a managerial appointment with Sunderland.

The enterprise shown by Ron Atkinson in his capacity as West Bromwich Albion boss was rewarded with some exhilarating performances at The Hawthorns and elsewhere last season.

With Cunningham departed and Barnes and Owen signed, Atkinson's side still cannot be considered as underrated.

## Arrivals

**However, the biggest question mark must be raised over Everton where transfer requests from Bob Latchford, Mike Pejic and Dave Thomas and reported unsettlement of Colin Todd form a background to arrivals like John Bailey the Blackburn Rovers full-back for £200,000 and goalkeeper Martin Hodge from Plymouth at £135,000 plus the transfers of Martin Dobson back to Burnley for £200,000 and David Jones to Coventry for £250,000.**

The influx of foreign talent shows no sign of letting up. Top of the financial list is Bozo Bokato, a Yugoslavian who cost Sunderland £250,000 from NK Zagreb. His fellow countryman, Radojka Aramovic a goalkeeper, went to Notts County from Rijeka for £180,000.

## Young

Stoke City paid £60,000 for a young Dutch defender Loek Ursem from AZ 67 Alkmaar while another Dutchman, Lennie de Goey, joined Sheffield United at £100,000 from Sparta Rotterdam.

No fee was involved when Pedro Verde also sent to Bramall Lane from Hercules Alicante the Spanish club, though this Argentinian international forward was once with Estudiantes de la Plata.

In addition the traffic of players to and from the United States of America has not diminished. Indeed there has been the return of some familiar names, particularly among the lower division clubs.

One-time Tottenham Hotspur defender Phil Beal has left Memphis Rogues for the pastures afforded by Crewe Alexandra while further up the scale Nicky Johns has come back from Tampa Bay Rowdies to Charlton Athletic.

Johns, who was a Millwall goalkeeper originally, scarcely seems to have been away, because he played on loan over here last season with Sheffield United who in turn allowed him to go for a temporary transfer to Charlton. But such are the complications of transactions with clubs in the USA.

Apart from the justifiable expectations of Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and West Bromwich Albion, the claims of Leeds United should not be queried to any degree.

Towards the close of the lengthy 1978-79 season they secured the services of Alan Curtis a centre-forward with Welsh international honours from Swansea City. Since then the Sheffield United midfield player Gary Hamson has made the shorter journey from Sheffield United to Elland Road.

Much interest will centre on the performances of the three newly installed First Division clubs Brighton, Stoke and Crystal Palace.

## Echelon

Brighton in their first taste of the upper echelon have made a couple of notable captures in the form of John Gregory a utility player from Aston Villa for £300,000 and Steve Foster a centre-half from Portsmouth at £135,000.

Stoke signed right-back Ray Evans from Fulham for £120,000 thus adding a player who had League experience with Tottenham Hotspur and Millwall previously.

Palace as mentioned earlier have made important signings which should ensure that they retain their status without undue difficulty, which is probably not the way the prospects for the other two clubs can be viewed at such an early stage of the proceedings.

# CELTIC BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

BILLY McNEILL sends his Celtic team on a European crusade in the Champions' Cup this season and he must be feeling like a swordsman ready to take on the Three Musketeers armed with a toothpick.

Celtic, kings of the European soccer scene in 1967, have two chances of winning the trophy — slim and none. The Parkhead men did extremely well to win the Premier Division championship with a late and consistent burst, but victory in this competitive field is surely beyond them.

I'm not knocking Celtic or Billy McNeill. Far from it. Celtic should not lose their way through soccer's minefield at the moment. They are building for the future and the fans must be patient. I sincerely believe we will see the best of this Celtic side in two or three years time.

Until then they will be learning and picking up valuable, vital experience. One-off glory is not Celtic's style. They are not interested in being one-season wonders. Remember they share the world record of having won nine successive League titles. That's what I call consistency and it is that sort of record that Celtic are determined to at least emulate.

Quite simply, I don't think Celtic are equipped for Europe this season and I don't think the Parkhead faithful should look for too much from their favourites. I think they should accept this European venture as a nice "extra".

Youngsters such as Davie Provan, Murdo MacLeod, Mike Conroy, Roy Aitken, George McCluskey, Tommy Burns and Tom McAdam will learn a thing or two in Europe. They really are boys competing in a man's world. They will be playing in foreign parts, learning their trade. Some of their experiences will be painful, but that's soccer, I suppose.

Celtic, of course, will not be embarking on a European venture with a defeatist attitude. That is neither McNeill's nor the club's style. They will be having a real go, but they should not be too disappointed if things do not work out as well as they might hope.

The courage of this young side is admirable and praiseworthy. They certainly won their spurs last season in the match that eventually clinched the League title.

They faced their great Glasgow rivals, Rangers, at Parkhead in a match that has been described as one of the finest of the decade. The Ibrox men, then the reigning champions, led 1-0 at the interval with a goal from Alex MacDonald.

Celtic began their second-half at a pulsating pace, but the half had only restarted when their controversial and temperamental winger Johnny Doyle was ordered off after an off-the-ball incident with MacDonald.

McNeill's men could have caved in then. They didn't. Instead they were transformed into a team that knew they had a challenge to answer, a hurdle to take, a mountain to climb and they weren't about to duck their responsibility.

Roy Aitken, a player of truly immense potential, equalised and then George McCluskey turned to send a vicious effort high over the shoulder of Peter McCloy to put Celtic ahead. The celebrations of the green-and-white bedecked fans ended abruptly when Rangers' talented midfielder Bobby Russel rolled the equaliser beyond the reach of Peter Latchford.

Again Celtic could have folded. Who could have blamed them? They had put everything in their game, but it still didn't look as though there was going to be a reward at the end of it all.

Rangers fans who thought the championship was destined for Ibrox again were given a rude shock when Celtic staged a breathtaking and electrifying finish. McCluskey blasted in an angled drive. McCloy pushed it out and the unfortunate Colin Jackson, trying to clear, could only put the ball over his own line.

Celtic were in the lead! Rangers roared back. It was an Old Firm encounter that rocked Parkhead to its foundations, but the resistance came to an inevitable end when Murdo MacLeod, a bargain £100,000 buy from Dumbarton during the season, broke on the left and then rifled an unstoppable, blistering left-foot drive high into the net. If McCloy had even got a hand to that effort he could have been maimed for life!

So, in those unforgettable 90 minutes, Celtic proved beyond a doubt that they had courage and conviction. The young players became men . . . and they will have to prove themselves all over again in the new term.

Celtic have got nothing to be frightened of against Partizan Tirana, the Albanian champions whom they face in the first round. The only problem they'll have are getting in and out of this mysterious land safely.

Once Celtic are into the next round they will no doubt be hoping to draw a glamour club. A team like Real Madrid, with Laurie Cunningham parading his £1m. skills, would be welcome at Parkhead.

A match against the Spanish champions would give the Celtic babes a real touch of the European splendour; the big occasion; the games that make for treasured memories.

But Celtic know they still have an awful lot to do on the domestic scene. Billy McNeill has been looking at several players in his bid to strengthen the team, but he feels the fees for which he is being asked are unrealistic.

There seems little doubt that some Scottish managers are beginning to look at the English market and let their minds boggle at the way players, unheard of in Scotland, are bought and sold for ridiculously high fees.

It is rubbing off in Scotland and there is just no way another player such as Andy Gray could be spirited out of Scotland for only £110,000! Those days are well and truly gone.

"I had a look at the market in Scandinavia," says McNeill. "I saw enough to keep me interested and I may be going back again. But the real future of Celtic is with our home-grown talent. This is a very important area, especially with transfer fees going through the roof in Britain."

McNeill could be forgiven for looking on with a bit of envy as he sees English clubs throw their money around. He says: "I wish I could have just spent £300,000 on a player such as Frank McGarvey the way Liverpool did. It's not on, though."

The Celtic manager has had his disappointments in the transfer market. He wanted to buy Clydebank striker, Frank McDougall and offered £110,000 for his services.

It seemed a fair offer for a one-season senior, but Clydebank turned it down and Celtic stepped out of an auction with St. Mirren, with money to spend after the transfer of McGarvey, and the player took his shooting boots to Love Street instead.

A good run in Europe could provide Celtic with some cash to put out in the transfer market although they have shown in the past that they do not believe in buying big although they have accepted nice fat fees for the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari and Davie Hay in the recent past.

Do you know Jock Stein never even paid as much as £100,000 for a player in his long and glorious run with Celtic? It's quite a staggering statistic in this day and age. In fact, when Celtic won the European Cup in '67 — and they are still the only club in history to have won the trophy with players from the one country — the total cost of that side was just over £60,000! Ronnie Simpson, that splendid veteran goalkeeper, cost £1,000 from Hibs and Bertie Auld cost around £25,000 from Birmingham.

Those players were purchased *before* Jock Stein arrived at Parkhead in March, 1965, although a lot of critics give the Scottish boss the plaudits for having bought them. Stein's only buy in the side that beat lira-laden Inter Milan in Lisbon was Willie Wallace, a £35,000 purchase from Hearts.

Celtic, then, have proved that you do not have to go demented in the transfer market, get yourself into all sorts of debt, bring your bank manager to the brink of suicide and head for bankruptcy to be successful in soccer. Try telling that to Messrs Clough and Allison!

The future of Celtic is an exciting one. If they can keep this side together, add a few more players to their squad, then they could really be in for a re-run of the glory days of the Sixties.

Peter Latchford can be one of the best goalkeepers in the business when he is in the correct frame of mind. He looks capable,

# by ALEX GORDON

exudes confidence and has a good pair of hands. However, that same 'keeper can sometimes look like a nervous, jittery novice when he is off form.

He had several nightmare games last season. One that immediately springs to mind was the Scottish Cup quarter-final replay against Aberdeen at Parkhead. He practically handed two early goals to the Dons, who could hardly believe their good fortune. Celtic pulled one back through that truly astonishing veteran Bobby Lennox, but they slid out of the trophy and there was little argument that Latchford was the main reason for their Hampden dreams to fade.

Celtic fans are puzzled about the form of Latchford. Some rate him as the best in Scotland and among the best in Britain, but others say he is a weak link. Personally, I think he has got a lot to offer Celtic. I have seen him have fabulous games, giving completely faultless displays.

Early last season he was breathtaking in a League match against Partick Thistle at Firhill. Celtic won 3-2 . . . and could easily have lost 6-3! One of his saves that afternoon sticks in my mind. It was a twisting black flip to get his hand to a close-in, ranging header from Doug Somner, who is now with St. Mirren. It really should have been a goal . . . but Latchford excelled himself to push it round the post.

A couple of weeks later I watched in amazement at the same goalkeeper in action against Burnley in an Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie at Parkhead. Celtic were already trailing 1-0 from the first leg at Turf Moor and they looked in the mood to tear the English Second Division side to shreds as they roared into attack right from the kick-off.

The game was all over at half-time, though, and Latchford must shoulder a lot of the responsibility. Burnley were 2-0 ahead and a junior 'keeper would have blushed in acute embarrassment at both goals.

The first came from a trundling 25-yard free-kick from full-back Ian Brennan. The ball must have bounced at least 30 times before it beat Latchford on his right-hand side. He moved for it far too late and paid the consequences. The second goal came when Danny McGrain and Johannes Edvaldsson got in a fankle and Steve Kindon squared the ball across goal.

It looked easy for Latchford as he prepared to flop on the ball. Incredibly, he fumbled the ball and let it roll to Leighton James who couldn't miss from only six yards. I honestly could not believe that the same 'keeper who had played so bravely and magnificently against Partick Thistle could be so woeful and abysmal against Burnley.

The problem rests with Peter Latchford. He must achieve consistency and he must do it this season. While we are on the goalkeeper's position at Parkhead it must be pointed out that Celtic are extremely short of experience in this department.

Pat Bonnar, signed from an Irish club before the start of last season, has played a handful of games for the first team and he would have to be dropped in at the deep end if Latchford took an injury or completely lost his form.

Better in attack or defence? Celtic's Tom McAdam, who completed the season as a centre-half after starting it as a striker, is pictured here putting pressure on the Motherwell goalkeeper.

Celtic could cover themselves in this position by buying experience. I'm thinking of someone like Hamish McAlpine, of Dundee United. He has fallen out with Tannadice manager Jim McLean, who sent him home from a tour of the Far East after he had disagreed about tactics. There seems little future for McAlpine at United and a bid of around £20,000 would probably be enough to shift him. One thing is certain, Celtic urgently need cover in this department. A lot could depend upon it in the coming months.

One of Celtic's strongest areas in the team is undoubtedly the midfield. Murdo MacLeod is improving all the time as is Mike Conroy. Tommy Burns is a clever, subtle left-sided player and Roy Aitken can provide his ball-winning skills and energetic running when required. Vic Davidson, like the late and great John White of Spurs, flits in and out of the game adding little touches of class.

Celtic, though, need someone in the middle of their defence. Roddie MacDonald was injured last season and missed the vital run-in to the League triumph. McNeill played Aitken and Edvaldsson in the centre of the rearguard before giving the role to striker Tom McAdam.

It proved to be a success. McAdam is supreme in the air, but doesn't turn sharply enough or get off his mark swiftly enough to make the grade as a top-class striker although he finished the term as Celtic's top marksman with 13 goals!

He played well in his defensive role, but it remains to be seen whether or not this will be permanent. In fact, Celtic may need his heading ability up front to give wingers Provan and Doyle something to aim at when they hit the dead-ball line.

Getting a consistent goal-scorer is another problem for McNeill. He makes no secret of the fact that he believes Motherwell's out-of-favour Willie Pettigrew could do a job for the club, but he is willing to pay only what he believes is the true value of the player's worth and NOT Ally MacLeod's assessment.

It's a stalemate situation that will remain unresolved until either McNeill or MacLeod has a change of values. That is unlikely to happen, so Celtic will probably take their interest elsewhere.

The picture, then, at Parkhead is far from gloomy although their fans will have to adopt a reasonable and sensible attitude to the club's forays in Europe.

McNeill was left with a mammoth task when he took over the club from Aberdeen and the supporters cannot expect miracles. The days when Celtic entered the European Cup and became immediate favourites are a thing of the past.

Celtic are building now for the future. They will come across experiences that may be bitter to accept, but if they can learn from them they will become an even better team.

When McNeill rejoined Celtic he said the main thing was to get pride back in the club again. He has done that. Now he has a solid foundation upon which to lay his plans for future success.

Celtic are on their way. Soon the names of Provan, MacLeod, Burns, Aitken, etc., could be reverberating round Europe with the same strength as Johnstone, Murdoch, Gemmell, Auld and, of course, McNeill, before them.

The Parkhead men need time, though. No team has ever crashed the time barrier. Celtic are learning again. Soon they will be handing out the lessons in their old, pulverising, awesome style.

Watch them go . . .

West Bromwich Albion Manager Ron Atkinson flanked by Gary Owen (left) and Peter Barnes.

# HAPPY ATKINSON

## by Brian Marshall

**RON Atkinson, West Bromwich Albion's larger than life manager, is hoping that Manchester City have another poor season.**

Explains the Midland boss: "If Manchester City have another bad spell I might well pick up another two good players like Gary Owen and Peter Barnes.

"Personally, I still cannot really believe that I was able to get two such talented players from one club in such a short space of time.

"I'm not really aware of the circumstances or that bothered as to why Manchester City released these players. All I do know is that we have two of the best young players in the game and that can only be good for West Bromwich Albion.

"Owen is a real card. He is a great club-man and I'm sure that they are both going to play a big part in Albion's success over the coming months.

"Obviously, it was a big advantage when I went after Peter Barnes to have already signed Gary Owen.

"They are close chums and it was easy to sell the idea to Peter about joining Albion.

"To be honest, as soon as I knew that Laurie Cunningham was leaving Albion, Barnes was my first choice replacement.

"They have several similar characteristics in common and I feel that once he has settled down at the Hawthorns Peter will be a tremendous asset.

"Personally, I couldn't be more pleased with the way things have worked out since they joined Albion. They have slotted in exceptionally well and settled down to life at the Hawthorns."

Now Ron Atkinson, one of the big success stories last season, is hoping that the arrival of these two players will provide the final push towards honours which have just eluded them over the past 18 months.

The decision of both Owen and Barnes to join Albion is a sign of the times at The Hawthorns.

Not so long ago the big money signings were transactions which by-passed the Midland club. Players were reluctant to join Albion who in turn were averse to paying out big sums of money for additions to their staff.

Albion, however, are very much in the big league. The sale of Laurie Cunningham gave them the necessary cash to enter the big money league and now Ron Atkinson is hoping that it will enable them to take a few more steps towards their goal of major league and cup honours.

**Three of the top names in English soccer over the past few seasons, Emlyn Hughes, Norman Hunter and Archie Gemmill have all moved on to new clubs during the summer.**

Archie Gemmill, the talented little Scot, has been given the tremendous task of revitalising Birmingham City and taking them back into the First Division at the first attempt.

The other two have similar tasks. Hughes has been signed by Wolves to shore up their defence, while Hunter has moved to Barnsley to give the Yorkshire club some much needed experience.

Gemmill is no stranger to the situation which existed at both Derby County and Nottingham Forest to a certain degree when he moved in at the Baseball Ground and the City Ground.

At Birmingham he has gone into a club where the players have lost confidence in themselves.

Time and time again last season they just could not lift themselves and their fate was a foregone conclusion weeks before the end of the campaign.

The little Scot feels that it is a case of getting down to the basics and building up confidence by winning matches.

Gemmill, ousted from Forest by the arrival of Asa Hartford from Manchester City, said: "It seems to me that Birmingham's players have been playing with a tremendous burden on their shoulders. But this can be lifted very quickly if we can make a good start to the season in the Second Division."

Certainly, Birmingham City fans are hoping that his first two appearances for the St Andrew's club will be a happy omen.

Reason? Birmingham City won both games 5-0. On Gemmill's first appearance in Birmingham's colours they walloped Fulham 5-0 and it is a very long time since the Blues won by such a score away from home.

A few days later the Gemmill influence was again evident when they beat the Cypriot champions, F.C. Omonia, by the same score.

Gemmill obviously has the confidence and this was relayed to the other members of the side.

The Scot now finds himself in a similar sort of situation as that which existed when Johnny Giles took over as player-manager of nearby West Bromwich Albion.

They are both skilful ball players and it was in the Second Division that Giles produced the launching pad for Albion's current success. The feature of both players is that they always appear to have plenty of time to play their own game and help other members of the side.

At St Andrew's this will be a vital aspect as Birmingham, who have always been highly successful in the Second Division without being able to repeat the same kind of form in the top flight, attempt to regain their First Division status at the first attempt . . . with the astute assistance of Archie Gemmill.

# Readers' Letters

***While World Soccer is pleased to hear from readers, your views stand a better chance of getting across if letters are concise. Otherwise editing — because of space restrictions — becomes imperative.**

**SIR** — Do you have any photographs for sale please? I would like to buy one of Cruyff and one of Ardiles. I have also been trying to obtain a signed photo of Pele and have written to Cosmos and Santos without getting a reply. I hope you can help me in some way.

**Colin Chrishop,**
**Wakefield, Yorks.**

**Unfortunately we don't sell pictures. Try writing to UPI, Farringdon Street, London EC4. Regarding a Pele picture, try Cosmos again, for American clubs are publicity-conscious. Write to: Cosmos, 75 Rockefeder Plaza, New York, NY 10019. Did you write registered post?*

**SIR** — Can you give me an address in Brazil where I can obtain Super 8 films of their national side?

**R. Coghill,**
**Caithness, Scotland.**

**Don't know any specialist firm in Brazil. You can obtain films of Brazil's major World Cup successes, as we've said before, from Quality Products, 43 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex RM1 2DD.*

**SIR** — As avid follower of European and world football and a modest statistician, I find *World Soccer* invaluable. But is there a source from which I can obtain *France Football* or *Kicker* to supplement my sources of information?

**Robert Cumming,**
**Woking, Surrey.**

**Easy — W. H. Smith.*

**SIR** — Could you supply me please with the results of both legs of the UEFA Cup third round matches between Hertha and Esbjerg, Ajax and Honved?

**Gordon Speirs,**
**Motherwell, Scotland.**

**Hertha won 1-2, 4-0 — Honved won 4-1, 0-2. All European Competition details, including scorers, attendances, referees appear in* World Soccer.

**Sir** — Where may I obtain information on the 1982 World Cup, in respect of accommodation, saving schemes, etc?

**J. Glynn,**
**Ramsgate.**

**World Cup package planning is still at an early stage. However if you write to the FA, 16 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LW, they will be able to advise you when such details have been worked out.*

**SIR** — Some time ago I wrote asking for publication of the teams and results in the European under-21 championship. No list has been published however. While I enjoy reading about South American and European club football I feel a little bit of space could be given to what is virtually the European national reserve team competition.

**S. E. Smith,**
**Chester.**

**The up-to-date under-21 results DO appear in* World Soccer, *in the European International Review. A full list will appear, when the groups are complete. If you can't wait, write to: UEFA, PO Box 16, 3000 Berne 15, Switzerland.*

**SIR** — I understand that Argentina will not now play at Manchester United on their short tour in September. With regards, however, to the matches arranged against West Germany and Yugoslavia, are there any tours going from this country for what, for someone like myself, would be the trip of a lifetime?

**(Name illegible),**
**Hawthorn Road, Kettering.**

**No trips, or package arrangements, that we know of. You might check with David Dryar Sports Travel, 242 Oxford St, London W1, or the Thomas Cook Special Interest departments.*

**SIR** — I regard your magazine as the best on the market. Not only for your coverage, but also for information important to fans such as details of publications. I have tried locally but with no success for information on books on Brazilian football. Can you provide any assistance, please?

**Douglas Rooks,**
**Heaton, Bradford.**

**In the early 1960s Souvenir Press produced the* Brazil Book of Football *and there have been numerous books about Pele, including the most recent* My Life and the Beautiful Game *(New English Library, Barnard's Inn, Holborn, London EC1N 2JR). Otherwise there have been no other English language publications specifically relating to Brazil. Souvenir (43 Gt Russell St, London WC1B 3PA) might be able to advise you on obtaining an old copy of the* Brazil Book of Football.

**SIR** — In your August edition you reviewed a Book called *25 Years of UEFA*. How may I obtain this book?

**W. J. Neville,**
**Chingford, Essex.**

**Write direct for information on cost and postage to: UEFA, PO Box 16, 3000 Berne 15, Switzerland.*

**SIR** — Could you please tell me the address of the headquarters of the North American Soccer League and American Soccer League? I would like to find out more information about them.

**Lee Gould,**
**Sudbury, Suffolk.**

**Write to the USSF, Empire State Building 4010, 350 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10001, and they will pass your request on.*

**SIR** — There seems to be confusion over this year's Cup Final in Bulgaria. In different magazines and papers I have seen it given as Marek 1, CSKA 0, and Levsky 4, CSKA 1. Now that the Cup-winners' draw has been made a third club has emerged — Beroe Stara Zagora. Can you sort out the confusion, please?

**L. F. Tivey,**
**Worcester Pk, Surrey.**

**The definitive result: Levsky 4, Beroe Stara Zagora 1. Beroe enter the Cup-winners' Cup because Levsky also won the league.*

**SIR** — I am behind on one European championship game in group six (Finland v Russia) and have only seen the British draws in the European club competitions.

**Peter Baxter,**
**Norwich.**

**The Finland-Russia tie is included in this edition in the International Review. The full draw for the European competitions appeared in last month's issue of* World Soccer.

**SIR** — I am impressed with the Russian system of allowing no points for teams drawing more than eight times during the season. I realise there will be many criticisms of adopting such a system in the English league, but surely the advantages would be tremendous. Home teams would have greater incentive to go all out for both points and away teams would try harder to obtain some reward, especially those challenging for honours or staving off relegation. Does anyone have any views?

**Richard Mowat,**
**Harrogate, N. Yorks.**

**SIR** — I hear you are experiencing problems in England with the length of your season and attendances. I suggest a play off system involving four teams based on final league standings, if the 22 Division One teams were split into two 'conferences' of 11 teams.

More important, I would suggest a way to eliminate ties. You could have a sudden death overtime of 15 minutes, but that would turn out to be an overrated bore. Better, give no credit for ties at all.

**Douglas Lloyd,**
**New Jersey.**

**(This is an edited extract from a complex letter far too long to be given in full in the space available.*

**SIR** — We know Malmö played anti-football and should have been slaughtered by Nottingham Forest in the Champions' Cup Final. But the British journalists, with the exception of Brian Glanville, went too far in their criticism.

How many teams can afford to be without three key players and still play well? Larsson had played in three World Cups — how many such players in Britain? — Tapper in two and Roy Andersson.

Just imagine what Bayern, Ajax, Manchester United, Benfica ro Real Madrid would have done to the injury-hit Swedes.

**S-O. Sjöblom,**
**Ekenäs, Finland.**

**Forest's display was accepted, all round, as disappointing. Incidentally, Sweden have yet to win the World Cup – England did so in 1966.*

# NASL CLUB D

**THE players listed with each club are those who have played regularly throughout the season, or in some cases those who have been playing regularly for one club and have been recently transferred to another. For example, Colin Boulton played regularly in goal for Tulsa for most of the season but has recently been transferred to Los Angeles. He is shown in the Los Angeles list.**

The lists are based on the players on each club's roster as of the deadline for transfers on July 6.

Countries shown are the player's current nationality and so Giorgio Chinaglia's country is listed as the United States for he became a U.S. citizen in the past year. Where no club is listed it usually means that the player came to that club straight from school as in the case of Ricky Davis of the New York Cosmos.

Where the name of a North American city is listed it refers to the NASL club in that city past or present. Positions shown are the usual position played by the player in the current season.

### ATLANTA CHIEFS

**Coach:** Dan Wood (U.S.A.)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tad DeLorm | G | U.S.A. | Keene State, Colorado |
| Victor Nogueira | G | Mozambique | |
| Greg Makowski | D | U.S.A. | S.I.U. Edwardsville, Colorado |
| Pat McMahon | D | Scotland | Aston Villa, Celtic, Portland |
| Tom Lang | D | U.S.A. | New York, Colorado |
| Colin Waldron | D | England | Burnley, Man Utd., Sunderland |
| Dale Roberts | D | England | Ipswich Town |
| Mike Balson | D | England | Exeter City |
| Branko Radovic | M | Yugoslavia | Red Star, Colorado |
| Carl Strong | M | U.S.A. | Colorado |
| Webster Lichaba | M | South Africa | Orlando Pirates |
| Adrian Brooks | M | England | Philadelphia Textile |
| George Hanchoff | F | U.S.A. | Fort Lauderdale |
| Louie Hanchoff | F | U.S.A. | Colorado |
| Jomo Sono | F | South Africa | New York, Colorado |
| Jeff Bourne | F | England | Derby County, Crystal Palace, Dallas |
| Fred Pereira | F | U.S.A. | Fort Lauderdale, Colorado |
| George Dewanip | F | England | Preston, Southport, Los Angeles |
| Neil Roberts | F | South Africa | Durban Celtic |

### CALIFORNIA SURF

**Coach:** Peter Wall (England)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Mahoney | G | England | Bristol City, Newcastle Utd. |
| Dave Jokerst | G | U.S.A. | St. Louis |
| Tony Crudo | D | U.S.A. | Tampa Bay |
| Joe Clarke | D | U.S.A. | St. Louis |
| Len Renery | D | U.S.A. | New York |
| Peter Wall | D | England | Orient, Crystal Palace |
| Andy McBride | D | England | Crystal Palace |
| Paul Cahill | D | England | Coventry City, Portsmouth |
| Wolfgang Suhnholz | M | West Germany | Bayern Munich, Boston, Toronto |
| Mark Lindsay | M | England | Tampa Bay, Houston, Crystal Palace |
| Martin Cohen | M | South Africa | Highlands Park, Los Angeles |
| Johann Schermann | M | Austria | Wacker Innsbruck, Detroit |
| Les Barrett | F | England | Fulham, Milwall |
| Craig Allen | F | Channel Is. | |
| Steve David | F | Trinidad | Miami, Detroit, Los Angeles |
| Steve Moyers | F | U.S.A. | St. Louis |
| Dave Huson | F | Channel Is. | |
| Gerry Ingram | F | England | Blackpool, Preston, Chicago |
| Lawrie Abrahams | F | England | Charlton, New England, Tulsa |

### CHICAGO STING

**Coach:** Willie Roy (U.S.A.)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paul Coffee | G | U.S.A. | San Jose State |
| Tony Chursky | G | Canada | Seattle, California |
| Dave Griffiths | D | Wales | Man Utd., Tranmere |
| Bruce Wilson | D | Canada | Vancouver |
| Derek Spalding | D | Scotland | Hibernian |
| Lothar Skala | D | West Germany | Offenbach Kickers, Eintract Frankfurt |
| Stefan Szeter | D | U.S.A. | Slask Wroclaw, L.K.S. Lodz |
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| Horst Blankenberg | D | West Germany | Ajax, Hamburger SV |
| Arno Steffenhagen | M | West Germany | Hertha Berlin, Ajax, Hamburger SV |
| Gene Sheridan | M | Canada | Spartacus Budapest, Toronto |
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| Bret Hall | M | U.S.A. | Wheaton College |
| Karl-Heinz Granitza | F | West Germany | Hertha Berlin |
| Jorgen Kristensen | F | Denmark | Naestved, Sparta, Feyenoord, Hertha |
| Steve Long | F | U.S.A. | Wheaton College |
| Peter Ressel | F | Holland | Anderlecht, San Jose |
| Thomas Sjoberg | F | Sweden | Malmo |

### DALLAS TORNADO

**Coach:** Al Miller (U.S.A.)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alex Stepney | G | England | Manchester Utd. |
| Ken Cooper | G | England | Blackburn Rovers |
| George Ley | D | England | Exeter, Portsmouth |
| Steve Pecher | D | U.S.A. | |
| Glenn Myernick | D | U.S.A. | |
| Gert Trinklein | D | West Germany | Eintract Frankfurt, Kickers Offenbach |
| Timoteo Gaido | D | Argentina | Quilmes |
| Tony Bellinger | M | U.S.A. | |
| Kevin Keeley | M | England | Liverpool |
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| Wolfgang Rausch | M | West Germany | Cologne, Bayern Munich |
| Jim Ryan | M | Scotland | Manchester Utd., Luton Town |
| Zequinha | F | Brazil | Botafogo, Sao Paulo |
| Fleming Lund | F | Denmark | BIS Copenhagen, Fortuna Dusseldorf |
| Nagy Pesa | F | U.S.A. | Ulster Community College |
| Egwin Wolf | M | West Germany | Borussia Dortmund |
| Milton | F | Brazil | Sao Paulo |
| Omar Gomez | F | Argentina | Quilmes |

### DETROIT EXPRESS

**Coach:** Ken Furphy (England)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jim Brown | G | Scotland | Albion Rovers, Sheffield Utd. |
| Slobodan Ilijevski | G | Yugoslavia | |
| Paul Hunter | D | Canada | New York |
| Eddie Colquhoun | C | Scotland | Bury, Sheffield Utd. |
| Graham Oates | D | England | Newcastle Utd. |
| Steve Sampson | D | England | Exeter |
| Ivano Bellone | D | Canada | Dalkiar Stings |
| Tony Dunne | D | Eire | Manchester Utd., Bolton |
| Nick Coop | D | England | Coventry City |
| David Bradford | M | England | Peterborough Utd. |
| Angus Moffat | M | Canada | Motherwell, Toronto Metros |
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| Ted MacDougall | F | Scotland | Bournemouth, West Ham, Man Utd. |

### EDMONTON DRILLERS

**Coach:** Hans Kraay (Holland)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan Enderman | G | Holland | Go Ahead Deventer |
| Henning Mark Jensen | D | Denmark | Aborg, PSV Eindhoven, Frederikshavn |
| Joe Radulka | D | Yugoslavia | Red Star, Oakland |
| Roland Klickenberg | D | Holland | F.C. Dordrecht |
| Dwight Lockwerges | D | Holland | Go Ahead Deventer |
| Lee Atack | D | U.S.A. | Sacramento Spirits, Oakland |
| Derek Evans | D | U.S.A. | San Jose State |
| Bruce Twamley | D | Canada | Ipswich Town, Vancouver, Minnesota |
| Rob Dunchand | D | | |
| Andy Atuegbu | M | Nigeria | U. of San Francisco, Oakland |
| Hans Kraay Jr. | M | Holland | AZ Alkmaar |
| Gudgeir Leifsson | M | Iceland | |
| John Anton | M | U.S.A. | |
| Alex Schoenmaker | M | Holland | Feyenoord, F.C. Den Haag |
| Drew Ferguson | M | Canada | Vancouver |
| Bogdan Tanadija | F | Yugoslavia | OFK Belgrade, Oakland |
| Jan Goossens | F | Holland | |
| Lorenz Hikes | F | West Germany | VVV Venlo |

### FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

**Coach:** Ron Newman (England)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arnold Mausser | G | U.S.A. | Seattle, Vancouver, Colorado |
| Steve Zerhusen | G | U.S.A. | |
| Steve Ralbovsky | D | U.S.A. | Chicago, Colorado |
| Ken Fogarty | D | England | Stockport County |
| Maurice Whittle | D | England | Oldham Athletic |
| Roy Wiggemansem | D | South Africa | |
| Tony Whelan | D | England | Rochdale |
| Bob Cerick | D | England | Derby County |
| Tibor Gerner | D | Canada | Toronto Serbian |
| Guy Newman | D | U.S.A. | White Eagles |
| Teofilo Cubillas | M | Peru | Alianza Lima, Basle, Porto |
| Terry Park | M | England | Stockport County |
| George Best | M | N. Ireland | Man Utd., Fulham, Los Angeles |
| Ray Hudson | M | England | Newcastle United |
| Colin Fowles | M | U.S.A. | |
| Gary Stanley | M | England | Chelsea |
| Gerd Muller | F | West Germany | Bayern Munich |
| David Irving | F | England | Oldham Athletic |
| Gary Jones | F | England | |
| Clive Walker | F | England | Chelsea |
| Al Nye | F | U.S.A. | Florida International Univ. |

### HOUSTON HURRICANE

**Coach:** Timo Liekoski (U.S.A.)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paul Hammond | G | England | Crystal Palace, Tampa Bay |
| Roland Stringer | G | U.S.A. | |
| Ian Anderson | D | Scotland | St. Johnstone, Tampa Bay |
| Nick Megaloudis | D | U.S.A. | Long Island Univ. |
| Stewart Jump | D | England | Stoke City, Crystal Palace, Tampa Bay |
| Howie Charbonneau | D | U.S.A. | California Sunshine |
| Matt O'Sullivan | D | U.S.A. | Chico State Univ. |
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**Coach:** Rinus Michels (Holland)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colin Bouton | G | England | Derby County, Tulsa |
| Mihaj Keri | D | Yugoslavia | Red Star |
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| Bob Siddall | D | England | York, Southport |
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**Coach:** Charlie Cooke (Scotland)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Houska | G | U.S.A. | Loyola (Baltimore) |
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| John Faulkner | D | England | Leeds Utd., Luton Town |
| Henry McCully | D | U.S.A. | Connecticut |
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| Tom Nevers | M | U.S.A. | Chicago |
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| Alex Rosu | D | U.S.A. | Minnesota |
| Jado Hasanbegovic | F | Yugoslavia | Sarajevo, Chicago |

**MINNESOTA KICKS**

**Coach:** Ray McGrohan (England)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tino Lerberi | G | Canada | Quebec Selects, Corinthes (Greece) |
| Geoff Barnett | G | England | Arsenal, Everton |
| Bjorn Nordqvist | D | Sweden | Norrkopping, PSV Eindhoven, Goteborg |
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| Mike McLaughlin | D | Canada | Simon Fraser Univ. |
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| Alan West | M | England | Luton Town, Burnley |
| Mark Moran | M | U.S.A. | S.I.U. Edwardsville |
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| Ricardo Alonso | F | Argentina | Quilmes, Platense |
| Ron Futcher | F | England | Luton Town, Manchester City |

**NEW ENGLAND TEA MEN**

**Coach:** Noel Cantwell (Eire)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin Keelan | G | England | Norwich City |
| Kirk Pearson | G | U.S.A. | Alcester-Broadous |
| Artur | D | Portugal | Benfica, Sporting Lisbon |
| Peter Carr | D | England | Carlisle Utd., Darlington |
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**Coach:** Ray Klivecka (U.S.A.)

| Player | Pos. | Country | Some Previous Clubs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Erol Yasin | G | Turkey | Galatasaray |
| David Brolic | G | U.S.A. | Morton (Scotland) |
| Nelsi Morais | D | Brazil | Santos |
| Eskandarian | D | Iran | Taj |
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Strasbourg v Lille
Nimes v Lyon
Valenciennes v Metz

**Sept. 11.**—Laval v Lens
Monaco v Nancy
Brest v St-Etienne
Bastia v Bordeaux
Lille v Nice
Metz v Angers
Lyon v Valenciennes
Marseille v Nimes
Sochaux v Strasbourg
Nantes v Paris-S.G.

**Sept 14.**—Angers v Lyon .
Nice v Metz
Bordeaux v Lille
Bastia v Sochaux
Lens v Paris-S.G.
Nancy v Brest
St-Etienne v Nantes
Strasbourg v Laval
Nimes v Monaco
Valenciennes v Marseille

**Sept 22.**—Laval v Angers
Monaco v Nice
Brest v Lens
Paris-S.G. v Nancy
Lille v Bastia
Metz v Bordeaux
Lyon v St-Etienne
Marseille v Strasbourg
Sochaux v Nimes
Nantes v Valenciennes

**Sept 28.**—Angers v Sochaux
Nice v Marseille
Bordeaux v Lyon
Bastia v Metz
Lille v Monaco
Nancy v Lens
St-Etienne v Paris-S.G.
Strasbourg v Brest
Nimes v Nantes
Valenciennes v Laval

**Oct 6.**—Laval v Nimes
Monaco v Strasbourg
Brest v Angers
Paris-S.G. v Nice
Lens v St-Etienne
Metz v Lille
Lyon v Bastia
Marseille v Bordeaux
Sochaux v Valenciennes
Nantes v Nancy

**Oct 13.**—Angers v Monaco
Nice v Laval
Bordeaux v Sochaux
Bastia v Marseille
Lille v Nantes
Metz v Lyon
St-Etienne v Nancy
Strasbourg v Lens
Nimes v Paris-S.G.
Valenciennes v Brest

**Oct 19.**—Laval v Bordeaux
Monaco v St-Etienne
Brest v Nimes
Paris-S.G. v Valenciennes
Lens v Angers
Nancy v Strasbourg
Lyon v Lille
Marseille v Metz
Sochaux v Nice
Nantes v Bastia

**Oct 30.**—Angers v Paris-S.G.
Nice v Brest
Bordeaux v Monaco
Bastia v Laval
Lille v Marseille
Metz v Nantes
Lyon v Sochaux
Strasbourg v St-Etienne
Nimes v Nancy
Valenciennes v Lens

**Nov 2.**—Laval v Lille
Monaco v Bastia
Brest v Bordeaux
Paris-S.G. v Strasbourg
Lens v Nimes
Nancy v Valenciennes
St-Etienne v Angers
Marseille v Lyon
Sochaux v Metz
Nantes v Nice

**Nov 10.**—Angers v Nancy
Nice v Lens
Bordeaux v Paris-S.G.
Bastia v Brest
Lille v Sochaux
Metz v Laval
Lyon v Nantes
Marseille v Monaco
Nimes v Strasbourg
Valenciennes v St-Etienne

**Nov 21.**—Laval v Lyon
Monaco v Metz
Brest v Lille
Paris-S.G. v Bastia
Lens v Bordeaux
Nancy v Nice
St-Etienne v Nimes
Strasbourg v Valenciennes
Sochaux v Marseille
Nantes v Angers

**Nov 24.**—Angers v Strasbourg
Nice v St-Etienne
Bordeaux v Nancy
Bastia v Lens
Lille v Paris-S.G.
Metz v Brest
Lyon v Monaco
Marseille v Laval
Sochaux v Nantes
Valenciennes v Nimes

**Dec 2.**—Laval v Sochaux
Monaco v Valenciennes
Brest v Lyon
Paris-S.G. v Metz
Lens v Lille
Nancy v Bastia
St-Etienne v Bordeaux
Strasbourg v Nice
Nimes v Angers
Nantes v Marseille

**Dec 8.**—Laval v Monaco
Nice v Valenciennes
Bordeaux v Angers
Bastia v Nimes
Lille v St-Etienne
Metz v Strasbourg
Lyon v Nancy
Marseille v Paris-S.G.
Sochaux v Brest
Nantes v Lens

**Dec 16.**—Angers v Nice
Monaco v Nantes
Brest v Laval
Paris-S.G. v Sochaux
Lens v Lyon
Nancy v Metz
St-Etienne v Marseille
Strasbourg v Bastia
Nimes v Lille
Valenciennes v Bordeaux

**Jan 20.**—Laval v Paris-S.G.
Monaco v Brest
Bordeaux v Nimes
Bastia v Angers
Lille v Valenciennes
Metz v St-Etienne
Lyon v Nice
Marseille v Nancy
Sochaux v Lens
Nantes v Strasbourg

**Jan 27.**—Angers v Lille
Nice v Bordeaux
Brest v Nantes
Paris-S.G. v Monaco
Lens v Marseille
Nancy v Sochaux
St-Etienne v Laval
Strasbourg v Lyon
Nimes v Metz
Valenciennes v Bastia

**Feb 3.**—Laval v Nancy
Monaco v Lens
Brest v Paris-S.G.
Bastia v Nice
Lille v Strasbourg
Metz v Valenciennes
Lyon v Nimes
Marseille v Angers
Sochaux v St-Etienne
Nantes v Bordeaux

**Feb 16.**—Angers v Metz
Nice v Lille
Bordeaux v Bastia
Paris-S.G. v Nantes
Lens v Laval
Nancy v Monaco
St-Etienne v Brest
Strasbourg v Sochaux
Nimes v Marseille
Valenciennes v Lyon

**Feb 24.**—Laval v Strasbourg
Monaco v Nimes
Brest v Nancy
Paris-S.G. v Lens
Lille v Bordeaux
Metz v Nice
Lyon v Angers
Marseille v Valenciennes
Sochaux v Bastia
Nantes v St-Etienne

**Mar 1.**—Angers v Laval
Nice v Monaco
Bordeaux v Metz
Bastia v Lille
Lens v Brest
Nancy v Paris-S.G.
St-Etienne v Lyon
Strasbourg v Marseille
Nimes v Sochaux
Valenciennes v Nantes

**Mar 12.** — Laval v Valenciennes
Monaco v Lille
Brest v Strasbourg
Paris-S.G. v St-Etienne
Lens v Nancy
Metz v Bastia
Lyon v Bordeaux
Marseille v Nice
Sochaux v Angers
Nantes v Nimes

**Mar 22.** — Angers v Brest
Nice v Paris-S.G.
Bordeaux v Marseille
Bastia v Lyon
Lille v Metz
Nancy v Nantes
St-Etienne v Lens
Strasbourg v Monaco
Nimes v Laval
Valenciennes v Sochaux

**Mar 29.** — Laval v Nice
Monaco v Angers
Brest v Valenciennes
Paris-S.G. v Nimes
Lens v Strasbourg
Nancy v St-Etienne
Lyon v Metz
Marseille v Bastie
Sochaux v Bordeaux
Nantes v Lille

**Apr 2.** — Angers v Lens
Nice v Sochaux
Bordeaux v Laval
Bastia v Nantes
Lille v Lyon
Metz v Marseille
St-Etienne v Monaco
Strasbourg v Nancy
Nimes v Brest
Valenciennes v Paris-S.G.

**Apr 8.** — Laval v Bastia
Monaco v Bordeaux
Brest v Nice
Paris-S.G. v Angers
Lens v Valenciennes
Nancy v Nimes
St-Etienne v Strasbourg
Marseille v Lille
Sochaux v Lyon
Nantes v Metz

**Apr 18.** — Angers v St-Etienne
Nice v Nantes
Bordeaux v Brest
Bastia v Monaco
Lille v Laval
Metz v Sochaux
Lyon v Marseille
Strasbourg v Paris-S.G.
Nimes v Lens
Valenciennes v Nancy

**Apr 25.** — Laval v Metz
Monaco v Marseille
Brest v Bastia
Paris-S.G. v Bordeaux
Lens v Nice
Nancy v Angers
St-Etienne v Valenciennes
Strasbourg v Nimes
Sochaux v Lille
Nantes v Lyon

**May 2.** — Angers v Nantes
Nice v Nancy
Bordeaux v Lens
Bastia v Paris-S.G.
Lille v Brest
Metz v Monaco
Lyon v Laval
Marseille v Sochaux
Nimes v St-Etienne
Valenciennes v Strasbourg

**May 6.** — Laval v Marseille
Monaco v Lyon
Brest v Metz
Paris-S.G. v Lille
Lens v Bastia
Nancy v Bordeaux
St-Etienne v Nice
Strasbourg v Angers
Nimes v Valenciennes
Nantes v Sochaux

**May 17.** — Angers v Nimes
Nice v Strasbourg
Bordeaux v St-Etienne
Bastia v Nancy
Lille v Lens
Metz v Paris-S.G.
Lyon v Brest
Marseille v Nantes
Sochaux v Laval
Valenciennes v Monaco

**May 27.** — Angers v Valenciennes
Monaco v Sochaux
Brest v Marseille
Paris-S.G. v Lyon
Lens v Metz
Nancy v Lille
St-Etienne v Bastia
Strasbourg v Bordeaux
Nimes v Nice
Nantes v Laval

## ITALY
*(Date in brackets signifies return fixture)*

**Sept 16** (Jan 13) — Ascoli v Napoli
Avellino v Lazio
Cagliari v Torino
Fiorentina v Udinese
Inter v Pescara
Juventus v Bologna
Perugia v Catanzaro
Roma v Milan

**Sept 23** (Jan 20) — Bologna v Perugia
Catanzaro v Juventus
Lazio v Fiorentina
Milan v Avellino
Napoli v Cagliari
Pescara v Roma
Torino v Ascoli
Udinese v Inter

**Sep 30** (Jan 27) — Ascoli v Catanzaro
Avellino v Torino
Cagliari v Milan
Fiorentina v Napoli
Inter v Lazio
Juventus v Pescara
Perugia v Udinese
Roma v Bologna

**Oct 7** (Feb 3) — Catanzaro v Avellino
Lazio v Perugia
Milan v Juventus
Napoli v Roma
Pescara v Ascoli
Torino v Fiorentina
Udinese v Cagliari

**Oct 14** (Feb 10) — Ascoli v Lazio
Avellino v Bologna
Cagliari v Catanzaro
Fiorentina v Pescara
Inter v Napoli
Juventus v Udinese
Perugia v Milan
Roma v Torino

**Oct 21** (Feb 24) — Bologn v Fiorentina
Catanzaro v Inter
Lazio v Cagliari
Milan v Ascoli
Napoli v Perugia
Pescara v Avellino
Torino v Juventus
Udinese v Roma

**Oct 28** (Mar 2) — Ascoli v Bologna
Avellino v Udinese
Cagliari v Pescara
Fiorentina v Catanzaro
Inter v Milan
Juventus v Napoli
Perugia v Torino
Roma v Lazio

**Nov 4** (Mar 9) — Bologna v Cagliari
Catanzaro v Roma
Lazio v Juventus
Milan v Fiorentina
Napoli v Avellino
Pescara v Perugia
Torino v Inter
Udinese v Ascoli

**Nov 11** (Mar 23) — Ascoli v Fiorentina
Bologna v Catanzaro
Cagliari v Avellino
Inter v Juventus
Lazio v Pescara
Napoli v Udinese
Perugia v Roma
Torino v Milan

**Nov 25** (Mar 30) — Avellino v Inter
Catanzaro v Lazio
Fiorentina v Perugia
Juventus v Cagliari
Milan v Napoli
Pescara v Bologna
Roma v Ascoli
Udinese v Torino

**Dec 2** (Apr 5) — Avellino v Juventus
Bologna v Lazio
Cagliari v Inter
Milan v Udinese
Perugia v Ascoli
Percara v Napoli
Roma v Fiorentina
Torino v Catanzaro

**Dec 9** (Apr 13) — Ascoli v Avellino
Bologna v Milan
Cagliari v Fiorentina
Catanzaro v Pescara
Inter v Perugia
Juventus v Roma
Lazio v Udinese
Napoli v Torino

**Dec 16** (Apr 27) — Ascoli v Cagliari
Fiorentina v Avellino
Milan v Catanzaro
Napoli v Lazio
Perugia v Juventus
Roma v Inter
Torino v Pescara
Udinese v Bologna

**Dec 30** (May 4) — Avellino v Perugia
Bologna v Napoli
Cagliari v Roma
Catanzaro v Udinese
Inter v Fiorentina
Juventus v Ascoli
Lazio v Torino
Pescara v Milan

**Jan 6** (May 11) — Ascoli v Inter
Fiorentina v Juventus
Milan v Lazio
Napoli v Catanzaro
Perugia v Cagliari
Roma v Avellino
Torino v Bologna
Udinese v Pescara

## SWITZERLAND
**Season already under way*

**Aug 26.** — Basel v Servette
Chênois v Zürich
Chiasso v Sion
Grasshoppers v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Lausanne v Lugano
Neuchâtel Xamax v St. Gallen
Young Boys v Luzern

**Aug 29.** — Chênois v Servette
Lugano v Grasshoppers
Luzern v Basel
Neuchâtel Xamax v Lausanne
St. Gallen v Young Boys
Sion v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Zürich v Chiasso

**Sept 2.** — Basel v Grasshoppers
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Chiasso
Lugano v Chênois
Luzern v Lausanne
Servette v St. Gallen
Sion v Young Boys
Zürich v Neuchâtel Xamax

**Sept 8.** — Chênois v Luzern
Chiasso v Basel
Grasshoppers v Servette
Lausanne v Sion
Neuchâtel Xamax v Lugano
St. Gallen v Zürich
Young Boys v La Chaux-de-Fonds

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**Sept 16.** — Basel v Young Boys
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Lausanne
Grasshoppers v Chiasso
Lugano v St. Gallen
Luzern v Neuchâtel Xamax
Servette v Zürich
Sion v Chênois

**Sept 23.** — Chênois v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Chiasso v Servette
Lausanne v Basel
Neuchatel Xamax v Sion
St. Gallen v Luzern
Young Boys v Grasshoppers
Zürich v Lugano

**Oct 7.** — Basel v Chênois
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Neuchâtel Xamax
Chiasso v Young Boys
Grasshoppers v Lausanne
Luzern v Zürich
Servette v Lugano
Sion v St. Gallen

**Oct 21.** — Chênois v Grasshoppers
Lausanne v Chiasso
Lugano v Luzern
Neuchâtel Xamax v Basel
St. Gallen v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Young Boys v Servette
Zürich v Sion

**Oct 28.** — Basel v St. Gallen
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Zürich
Chiasso v Chênois
Grasshoppers v Neuchâtel Xamax
Servette v Luzern
Sion v Lugano
Young Boys v Lausanne

**Nov 11.** — Chênois v Young Boys
Lausanne v Servette
Lugano v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Luzern v Sion
Neuchâtel Xamax v Chiasso
St. Gallen v Grasshoppers
Zürich v Basel

**Nov 25.** — Basel v Lugano
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Luzern
Chiasso v St. Gallen
Grasshoppers v Zürich
Lausanne v Chênois
Servette v Sion
Young Boys v Neuchâtel Xamax

**Dec 2.** — Lugano v Chiasso
Luzern v Grasshoppers
Neuchâtel Xamax v Chênois
St. Gallen v Lausanne
Servette v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Sion v Basel
Zürich v Young Boys

**Mar 2.** — Basel v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Chênois v St. Gallen
Chiasso v Luzern
Grasshoppers v Sion
Lausanne v Zürich
Neuchâtel Xamax v Servette
Young Boys v Lugano

**Mar 9.** —
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Grasshoppers
Lugano v Lausanne
Luzern v Young Boys
St. Gallen v Neuchâtel Xamax
Servette v Basel
Sion v Chiasso
Zürich v Chênois

**Mar 16.** — Chênois v Lugano
Chiasso v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Grasshoppers v Basel
Lausanne v Luzern
Neuchâtel Xamax v Zürich
St. Gallen v Servette
Young Boys v Sion

**Mar 22.** — Basel v Chiasso
La Chaux-de-Ponds v Young Boys
Lugano v Neuchâtel Xamax
Luzern v Chênois
Servette v Grasshoppers
Sion v Lausanne
Zürich v St. Gallen

**Mar 30.** — Chênois v Sion
Chiasso v Grasshoppers
Lausanne v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Neuchâtel Xamax v Luzern
St. Gallen v Lugano
Young Boys v Basel
Zürich v Servette

**Apr 12.** — Basel v Lausanne
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Chênois
Grasshoppers v Young Boys
Lugano v Zürich
Luzern v St. Gallen
Servette v Chiasso
Sion v Neuchâtel Xamax

**Apr 20.** — Chênois v Basel
Lausanne v Grasshopper
Lugano v Servette
Neuchâtel Xamax v La Chaux-de-Fonds
St. Gallen v Sion
Young Boys v Chiasso
Zürich v Luzern

**Apr 27.** — Basel v Neuchâtel Xamax
La Chaux-de-Fonds v St. Gallen
Chiasso v Lausanne
Grasshoppers v Chênois
Luzern v Lugano
Servette v Young Boys
Sion v Zürich

**May 3.** — Chênois v Chiasso
Lausanne v Young Boys
Lugano v Sion
Luzern v Servette
Neuchâtel Xamax v Grasshoppers
St. Gallen v Basel
Zürich v La Chaux-de-Fonds

**May 11.** — Basel v Zürich
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Lugano
Chiasso v Neuchâtel Xamax
Grasshoppers v St. Gallen
Servette v Lausanne
Sion v Luzern
Young Boys v Chênois

**May 20.** — Basel v Luzern
La Chaux-de-Fonds v Sion
Chiasso v Zürich
Grasshoppers v Lugano
Lausanne v Neuchâtel Xamax
Servette v Chênois
Young Boys v St. Gallen

**May 23.** — Chênois v Lausanne
Lugano v Basel
Luzern v La Chaux-de-Fonds
Neuchâtel Xamax v Young Boys
St. Gallen v Chiasso
Sion v Servette
Zürich v Grasshoppers

**Play-off rounds** — June 1-30.

## WEST GERMANY

**Season already under way.*
*(Date in brackets signifies return fixture)*

**Aug 28/29** (Feb 2) —
Werder Bremen v Borussia Dortmund
1.FC Köln v Fortuna Düsseldorf
Eintr. Frankfurt v VfB Stuttgart
1.FC Kaiserslautern v Braunschweig
MSV Duisburg v Bayer Leverkusen
Bayer Uerdingen v 1860 München
VfL Bochum v Borussia M'gladbach
Hertha BSC Berlin v FC Schalke 04
Bayern München v Hamburger SV

**Sept 1** (Feb 9) —
Hamburger SV v Hertina BSC Berlin
Bayer Leverkusen v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
Etr. Braunschweig v Etr. Frankfurt
VfB Stuttgart v 1.FC Köln
Fortuna Düsseldorf v Werder Bremen
Borussia Dortmund v Bayer Uerdingen
1860 München v VfL Bochum
FC Schalke 04 v MSV Duisburg
M'gladbach v B. München (Mi,6,9.)

**Sept 8** (Feb 23) —
Werder Bremen v VfB Stuttgart
1.FC Köln v Eintr. Braunschweig
1.FC Kaiserslautern v FC Schalke 04
Eintr. Frankfurt v Bayer Leverkusen
MSV Duisburg v Hamburger SV
Hertha BSC v Borussia M'gladbach
1860 München v Borussia Dortmund
Bayer Uerdingen v Fort. Düsseldorf
VfL Bochum v Bayern München

**Sept 15** (Mar 1) —
Hamburger SV v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
Bayer Leverkusen v 1.FC Köln
Eintr. Braunschweig v W. Bremen
VfB Stuttgard v Bayer Uerdingen
Fortuna Düsseldorf v 1860 München
Borussia Dortmund v VfL Bochum
Bayern München v Hertha BSC
Bor. M'gladbach v MSV Duisburg
FC Schalke 04 v Eintracht Frankfurt

**Sept 22** (Mar 8) —
Werder Bremen v Bayer Leverkusen
1.FC Köln v FC Schalke 04
Eintr. Frankfurt v Hamburger SV
1.FC Kaiserslautern v M'gladbach
MSV Duisburg v Bayern München
Bor. Dortmund v Fortuna Düsseldorf
1860 München v VfB Stuttgart
Bayer Uerdingen v Etr. Braunschweig
VfL Bochum v Hertha BSC Berlin

**Oct 6** (Mar 15) —
Hamburger SV v 1.FC Köln
Bay. Leverkusen v Bay. Uerdingen
Eintr. Braunschweig v 1860 München
VfB Stuttgart v Borussia Dortmund
Fortuna Düsseldorf v VfL Bochum
Hertha BSC Berlin v MSV Duisburg
Bayern München v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
Borussia M'gladbach v E. Frankfurt
FC Schalke 04 v Werder Bremen

**Oct 20** (Mar 22) —
Dortmund v Braunschweig (Freitag)
Werder Bremen v Hamburger SV
1.FC Köln v Borussia M'gladbach
Eintr. Frankfurt v Bayern München
1.FC Kaiserslautern v Hertha BSC
Fort. Düsseldorf v VfB Stuttgart
1860 München v Bayer Leverkusen
Bayer Uerdingen v FC Schalke 04
VfL Bochum v MSV Duisburg

**Oct 27** (Mar 29) —
Hamburger SV v Bayer Uerdingen
Bayer Leverkusen v Bor. Dortmund
Eintr. Braunschweig v F. Düsseldorf
VfB Stuttgart v VfL Bochum
MSV Duisburg v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
Hertha BSC v Eintracht Frankfurt
Bayern München v 1.FC Köln
Bor. M'gladbach v Werder Bremen
FC Schalke 04 v 1860 München

**Nov 3** (Apr 12) —
Werder Bremen v Bay. München
1.FC Köln v hertha BSC Berlin
Eintracht Frankfurt v MSV Duisburg
VfB Stuttgart v Eintr. Braunschweig
Fort. Düsseldorf v Bayer Leverkusen
Borussia Dortmund v FC Schalke 04
1860 München v Hamburger SV
Bayer Uerdingen v Bor. M'gladbach
VfL Bochum v 1.FC Kaiserslautern

**Nov 10** (Apr 19) —
Hamburger SV v Borussia Dortmund
Bayer Leverkusen v VfB Stuttgart
Eintr. Braunschweig v VfL Bochum
1.FC Kaiserslautern v Frankfurt
MSV Duisburg v 1.FC Köln
Hertha BSC Berlin v Werder Bremen
Bayern München v Bayer Uerdingen
Bor. M'gladbach v 1860 München
Schalke 04 v Fortuna Düsseldorf

**Nov 17** (Apr 30) —
Werder Bremen v MSV Duisburg
1.FC Köln v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
E. Braunchschweig v Bayer Leverkusen
VfB Stuttgart v FC Schalke 04
Fort. Düsseldorf v Hamburger SV
1860 München v Bayern München
Bayer Uerdingen v Hertha BSC
Bor. Dortmund v Bor. M'gladbach
VfL Bochum v Eintr. Frankfurt

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# INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

## JUNE 27

**Copenhagen**
**Denmark 1** (Torsen Andersen 40)
**Russia 2** (Daraselia 49, Hougaard own goal 78)
**HT: 1.0 Att: 11,000.**

Russia, warming up for their European championship visit to Finland, were lucky to get away with this win against a Denmark who were able to call on only four of their projected exiles.

## JULY 4

**Helsinki — European ch'ship group 6**
**Finland 1** (Ismail Asik 75)
**Russia 1** (Khapsalis 25)
**HT: 1-1. Att: 12,000. Ref:** Amundsen (Nor)

A result which underlined the problems facing the Russians and prompted hints back home that not only manager Nikita Simonian but the whole football federation might shortly find themselves out of a job.

Vladimir Khapsalis put the Russians on the way towards what should have been a comfortable win. The 21-year-old was standing in for injured skipper Oleg Blokhin, but clearly the Kiev striker was badly missed.

As the game went on so the Russians became more and more frustrated by their own failures. Stand-in captain Makhovikov was booked in the 69th minute as the Finns gained in confidence and the equaliser fell to Ismail Atik — back now with HJK Helsinki after six struggling months in his native Turkey — quarter of an hour from time.

Finland now, improbably, led group six, with five points from four games. Greece had five points also, but from five games.

**Finland:** Alaja — Lampi, Tolsa, Houtsonen, Ranta — Rautanen, Pyykko (Salonen 16), Tolvola (Kokko 28) — Kusainen, Ismail Asik, Niaminen.

**Russia:** Rumensky — Prigoda, Khintegasivili, Makhovikov, Bubnov — Daraselia, Khidiatulin, Bessonov — Chesnokov, Kipiani (Shengelia 71), Khapsalis.

## EUROPEAN U-21 CH'SHIP

July 5 (Helsinki: Finland 0, Russia 2.

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL

*June 27* (Moscow): Moscow XI 2 (Maksimenkov 14, Yartsev 36). Iran 0. *June 30* (Moscow): Moscow XI 1 (Lovchev). Iran 0. *July 5* (Santiago): Chile 0, Spain U23 1 (Carrasco 29). *July 9* (Caracas): Colombia 0, Spain U23 0. *July 15* (Kwangju): S. Korea 2 (You Koon Soo 25, 38). Hamburg 4 (Magath 8, 63, Wehmeyer 16, Gorski 71). *July 22* (Teheran): Iran 0, Russia U23 1.

## CLUB INTERNATIONALS

Cup of the Alps

Group A.—Lyon 2, Servette 1 — Xamax Neuchatel 0. Monaco 3 — Monaco 5, Servette 1 — Xamax 0. Lyon 2 — Lyon 2, Xamax 1 — Servette 1, Monaco 1 — Servette 4, Lyon 2 — Monaco 1, Xamax 1.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Bs Tot Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monaco | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Lyon | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Servette | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 3 |
| Xamax Neuchatel | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 1 |

Group B.—Young Boys Berne 2, Bordeaux 1 — Lausanne 2, Metz 4 — Young Boys 2, Metz 0 — Lausanne 0, Bordeaux 4 — Bordeaux 2, Young Boys 3 — Metz 8, Lausanne 0 — Bordeaux 3, Lausanne 0 — Metz 1, Young Boys 0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt | Bs Tot Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Metz | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Bordeaux | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Young Boys | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Lausanne | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 0 | 0 |

*A bonus point was awarded to any team winning by upwards of a three-goal margin.

Final: To be played between group winners Monaco and Metz.

Past winners: 1960 Italian league. 1961 Italian league. 1962 Genoa. 1963 Juventus. 1964 Genoa. 1965 Not competed. 1966 Napoli. 1967 Eintracht Frankfurt. 1968 Schalke. 1969 Basel. 1970 Basel. 1971 Lazio. 1972 Nimes. 1973 Servette. 1974 Young Boys Berne. 1975 Servette. 1976 Servette. 1977 Reims. 1978 Servette.

## SOUTH AMERICAN INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

(Libertadores Cup)
Semi final group 2
June 27

**BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (2) 2** (Perotti, Mastrangelo)
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 0**

**Boca Juniors:** Gatti, Perrin, Sa, Capurro, Bordon, Rocha, Sune, Zanabria, Mastrangelo, Salinas, Perotti (Sargueno).

**Independiente:** Pogany, Pagnanini (sent off 67m), Insaurralde (sent off 80m), Trossero, Perez, Fren, Galvan (Magallanes), Bochini, Alzamendi (Zimmermann), Octes, Larrosa. (Referee — Juan Silvagno, Chile.)

July 4

**PENAROL (Uruguay) 0**
**BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0**

**Penarol:** Fossati, Diogo, Caceres, Marcenaro, Zorrer, Urunse (Saralegui), Rodriguez, Dittman, Ramos (Acosta), Morena, Paz.

**Boca Juniors:** Gatti, Perrin, Sa, Capurro, Bordon, Rocha, Suite, Zanabria, Mastrangelo, Salinas, Perotti (Benitez). (Referee: Juan C. Maciel, Paraguay.)

**Final standings**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boca Juniors (Argentina) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Independiente (Argentina) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Penarol (Uruguay) | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

Play-off — June 11

**BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (0) 0-1** (Mastrangelo)
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 0**
(after extra time)

**Boca Juniors:** Gatti, Perrin, Sa (sent off 84m), Capurro, Bordon, Rocha (Benitez), Sune, Zanabria, Mastrangelo, Salinas, Perotti (Mouno).

**Independiente:** Pogany, Magallanes, Zimmermann, Trossero, Gavilán, Larrosa, Leone (Coral), Bochini, Alzamendi (Fontana Bionti), Barberon.

## SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

America Cup
Group 2
July 18

**BOLIVIA (1) 2** (Reynaldo 2)
**ARGENTINA (1) 1** (C. Lopez)

**Bolivia:** Gimenez, Ferrel, Vaca, Espinoza, Del Llano, Romero, Aguilo, Aragones, Borja, Reynaldo (Menil, Aguilar.

**Argentina:** Vidalle, Saporiti, Van Tuyne, Passarella, Bordon, Gasparri, Larocuy, C. Lopez, Castro, Fortunato (Galan), R. Diaz (Cecchi). (Referee: Octavio Sierra, Colombia — Att: 30,000.

## FULL INTERNATIONALS

July 10

**BOLIVIA (1) 3** (Espinoza, Aguila, Aragones pen.)
**PARAGUAY (0) 1** (Overal)

**CHILE (1) 1** (Figueroa)
**URUGUAY 0**
**(Pinto Duran Cup — 1st leg)**

**Chile:** Osben, Gonzalez, Herrera, Escobar, Figueroa, Dubo, Neumann, Rivas, Estay, Neira, Pinto.

**Uruguay:** R. Rodriguez, Rivadavia, De Leon, Montelongo, J. Rodriguez, Zorvez, Bica, Urunaue, Victorino, De la Pena, Ocampo.

## MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

Tigre (Argentina) 1 Nacional (Uruguay) 1 (June 20).

## OTHER INTERNATIONALS

**Peru select 2 Quilmes (Argentina) 2 (June 20):** Brazil select 5 Ajax (Holland champs) 0 (June 21); Universidad Nacional Autonoma (Mexico) 3 Spain under-23 select 0 (June 26); Peru select 3 Independiente Medellin (Colombia) 0 (June 27); Peru select 2 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 2 (July 5); Ecuador select 2 Deportivo Cali (Columbia) 0 (July 8 in New York); Colombia select 0 Spain under-23 select 0 (July 8 in Caracas) and 1-1 (July 5, in Bogota).

## PAN AMERICAN GAMES

(San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2-14)

**First round group 1:** USA 6 Dominican Republic 0; Puerto Rico 1, Dominican Republic 0; USA 3, Puerto Rico 1. **Group 2:** Brazil 2, Guatemala 0; Cuba 2, Guatemala 2; Brazil 1, Cuba 0. **Group 3:** Argentina 2, Bermuda 0; Costa Rica 3, Bermuda 1; Argentina 1, Costa Rica 0.

**First round groups**
(Top two of each group qualify for semi finals)

| Group 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| Puerto Rico | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Dominican Republic | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

| Group 2 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brazil | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Cuba | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Guatemala | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |

| Group 3 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argentina | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Costa Rica | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Bermuda | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

**Semi final group 1:** Argentina 0, Cuba 0; Argentina 4, USA 0; Cuba 5, USA 0. **Group 2:** Brazil 3, Costa Rica 1; Brazil 6, Puerto Rico 0; Costa Rica 4, Puerto Rico 0.

**Semi final groups**
(Winners qualify for final, runners-up for third place play-off)

| Group 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cuba | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Argentina | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| USA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

| Group 2 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brazil | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Costa Rica | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Puerto Rico | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

**Final:** Brazil (1) 3 (Wagner, Luis Carlos, Gilsimar) Cuba 0

**Brazil:** Luis, Cosmo, Wagner, Baldoir, Victor, Cleo, Luis Carlos, Silvio (Cidobas), Edson, Gilsimar, Jerson.

**Cuba:** Reinoso, Lopez (Menne), Fromentagne, Sanchez, Roldan (Matagini), Kirs, Nunez, Drake, De gado, Masso, Pereira (sent off 2nd half). (Att. 5000)

**Third place:** Argentina (1) 2 (Maurosmone, Vaula o.g.) Costa Rica 0

**Argentina:** Quiroga, Becerica, Del Mul, Cabrera, Binello, Boconelli, Sosa, Geloso, Rolfo, Gasparini, Fredes.

**Costa Rica:** Clark, Vasta, Castro, Lacey, Watson (Alvarez), Diaz, Paniagua, Rojas, Camacho (Guiessar), Ulate, Solano.

**ARGENTINA: Metropitan First Division (Final)**
(Top two of each section play semi finals after Velez-Sarsfield-Argentinos Juniors play off)

| Section A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| River Plate | 18 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 19 | 24 |
| Argentinos Juniors | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 34 | 25 | 23 |
| Velez Sarsfield | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 20 | 23 |
| Newell's Old Boys (Rosario) | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 27 | 14 | 22 |
| Racing | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 31 | 20 | 22 |
| Union Santa Fe | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 20 | 19 |
| Quilmes | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 20 | 17 |
| Huracan | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 31 | 16 |
| Gimnasia y Esg. La Plata | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 28 | 8 |
| Platense | 18 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 15 | 45 | 6 |

| Section B | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rosario Central | 18 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 37 | 17 | 26 |
| Independiente | 18 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 36 | 26 | 24 |
| Ferrocarriles de La Plata | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 27 | 22 |
| Boca Juniors | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 20 |
| Colon Santa Fe | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 19 |
| FC Oeste | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 24 | 28 | 19 |
| San Lorenzo | 18 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 26 | 25 | 17 |
| All Boys | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 28 | 15 |
| Atlanta | 18 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 23 | 9 |
| Chacarita Juniors | 18 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 37 | 9 |

(Bottom two of each section face each other twice in relegation play-off from which the bottom three are relegated.)

**COLOMBIA: Opening Championship (Final)**
(Top two qualify for end of season final round)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| America de Cali* | 26 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 34 |
| Deportivo Cali* | 26 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 37 | 27 | 34 |
| Caldas | 26 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 42 | 24 | 33 |
| Junior Barranquilla | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 36 | 30 | 30 |
| Medellin | 26 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 34 | 30 | 27 |
| Union Magdalena | 26 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 27 | 25 | 27 |
| Millonarios de Bogota | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 42 | 27 | 26 |
| Independiente Santa Fe | 26 | 5 | 16 | 5 | 34 | 33 | 26 |
| Bucaramanga | 26 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 37 | 38 | 25 |
| Quindio | 26 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 26 | 22 | 23 |
| Nacional | 26 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 30 | 36 | 23 |
| Pereira | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 33 | 37 | 22 |
| Cucuta | 26 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 27 | 40 | 22 |
| Tolima | 26 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 58 | 10 |

*Deportivo Cali win title by scoring more goals

**URUGUAY: First Division**
(after nine games)

1) Nacional 16 pts; 2) Penarol 13; 3) Fenix 10; 4) Sud America, Huracan Buceo 9; 6) River Plate 8; 7) Cerro, Liverpool, Defensor 7; 10) Bella Vista, Wanderers 6; 12) Rentistas 5; 13) Danubio 0.

# EURO HISTORY

KEIR RADNEDGE continues his series on the important dates and details, facts and fixtures, of European football.

## WORLD SOCCER EXCLUSIVE FEATURE

### FINLAND

**THE Finns lost their first international 5-2 to Sweden, and that sort of result has been a recurring theme.**

There has been no great club, no great player to inspire the rest — instead the Scandinavian minnows have been content to struggle along, confident that now and again they could spring an upset to provide a brief touch of glory.

Juhani Peltonen, the one-time Valkeakosken forward who played in the Bundesliga with Hamburg in the mid-1960s, was the best player the Finns found in many a long year and when, recently, they pushed forward another useful forward in Atik Ismael it turned out he was part-Turk anyway.

It's surprising on the face of it that the Finns have played so many matches in their history — 317. But not so surprising if you scan through the table and realise that regular fixtures with Norway, Sweden and Denmark have been running a long time, and with Finland not always on the wrong end of the result.

But all credit to the Finns for refusing to shy away from the major competitions.

Their attitude was summed up recently in the words of Valkeakosken president, Esko Perala, who wrote in *25 Years of UEFA*: "Finnish club football must rank among the weakest in Europe. It is precisely for this reason that it is so important for Finnish teams to receive opposing sides from stronger football countries in official matches, in an attempt to raise the level of domestic football and to gain international experience."

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 | Jun 19 | Sweden | L | 0-3 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 26 | Norway | L | 1-2 | Bergen |
| | Sep 16 | Denmark | L | 1-6 | Helsinki |
| 1963 | Jun 3 | Denmark | D | 1-1 | Copenhagen |
| | Jun 27 | Norway | W | 2-0 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 14 | Sweden | D | 0-0 | Stockholm |
| 1964 | Jun 7 | West Germany | L | 1-4 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 2 | Sweden | W | 1-0 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 20 | Norway | L | 0-2 | Trondheim |
| | Aug 23 | Iceland | W | 2-0 | Reykjavik |
| | Sep 6 | Denmark | W | 2-1 | Helsinki |
| | Oct 21 | Scotland | L | 1-3 | Glasgow WC |
| | Nov 4 | Italy | L | 1-6 | Genoa WC |
| 1965 | May 27 | Scotland | L | 1-2 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jun 9 | Denmark | L | 1-3 | Copenhagen |
| | Jun 23 | Italy | L | 0-2 | Helsinki WC |
| | Aug 8 | Norway | W | 4-0 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 22 | Sweden | D | 2-2 | Lahti |
| | Sep 26 | Poland | W | 2-0 | Helsinki WC |
| | Oct 24 | Poland | L | 0-7 | Stettin WC |
| 1966 | May 8 | Israel | L | 0-3 | Helsinki |
| | Jun 4 | Sweden | W | 1-0 | Helsinki |
| | Jun 26 | England | L | 0-3 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 14 | Norway | D | 1-1 | Stavanger |
| | Sep 18 | Denmark | W | 2-1 | Helsinki |
| | Oct 2 | Austria | D | 0-0 | Helsinki EC |
| | Oct 16 | Greece | L | 1-2 | Salonika EC |
| 1967 | May 10 | Greece | D | 1-1 | Helsinki EC |
| | Jun 1 | Norway | L | 0-2 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 10 | Sweden | L | 0-2 | Stockholm |
| | Aug 30 | Russia | L | 0-2 | Moscow EC |
| | Sep 6 | Russia | L | 2-5 | Turku EC |
| | Sep 24 | Austria | L | 1-2 | Vienna EC |
| | Oct 22 | Denmark | L | 0-3 | Copenhagen |
| 1968 | Jun 4 | Denmark | L | 1-3 | Helsinki |
| | Jun 19 | Belgium | L | 1-2 | Helsinki WC |
| | Sep 11 | Sweden | L | 0-3 | Helsinki |
| | Sep 25 | Yugoslavia | L | 1-9 | Belgrade WC |
| | Oct 5 | Belgium | L | 1-6 | Waregem WC |
| 1969 | May 22 | Sweden | L | 0-4 | Vaxjo |
| | Jun 4 | Yugoslavia | L | 1-5 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jun 25 | Spain | W | 2-0 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jul 24 | Iceland | W | 3-1 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 24 | Norway | D | 2-2 | Helsinki |
| | Sep 10 | Denmark | L | 2-5 | Copenhagen |
| | Oct 15 | Spain | L | 0-6 | La Linea WC |
| 1970 | Jun 3 | Denmark | D | 1-1 | Helsinki |
| | Jun 17 | Norway | L | 0-2 | Bergen |
| | Aug 26 | Sweden | L | 1-2 | Helsinki |
| | Oct 7 | Czechoslovakia | D | 1-1 | Prague EC |
| | Oct 11 | Romania | L | 0-3 | Bucharest EC |
| 1971 | May 23 | Sweden | L | 1-4 | Borlas |
| | May 26 | Malta | L | 0-1 | Helsinki EC |
| | Jun 16 | Czechoslovakia | L | 0-4 | Helsinki EC |
| | Aug 25 | Norway | D | 1-1 | Helsinki |
| | Sep 8 | Denmark | D | 0-0 | Copenhagen |
| | Sep 22 | Romania | L | 0-4 | Helsinki EC |
| | Oct 13 | Wales | L | 0-3 | Swansea EC |
| 1972 | May 28 | Norway | D | 0-0 | Turku |
| | Jun 7 | Denmark | L | 0-3 | Copenhagen |
| | Jun 21 | Albania | W | 1-0 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jul 16 | Russia | D | 1-1 | Vaasa |
| | Sep 20 | Romania | D | 1-1 | Helsinki WC |
| | Oct 7 | East Germany | L | 0-2 | Dresden WC |
| 1973 | Jun 6 | East Germany | L | 1-5 | Tampere WC |
| | Jul 8 | Sweden | D | 1-1 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 29 | Sweden | L | 1-2 | Helsinki |
| | Oct 10 | Romania | L | 0-9 | Bucharest WC |
| 1974 | Jun 6 | Denmark | D | 1-1 | Oslo |
| | Aug 15 | Norway | W | 2-1 | Oslo |
| | Aug 19 | Iceland | D | 2-2 | Reykjavik |
| | Sep 1 | Poland | L | 1-2 | Helsinki EC |
| | Sep 25 | Holland | L | 1-3 | Helsinki EC |
| | Oct 9 | Poland | L | 0-3 | Poznan EC |
| 1975 | Jun 5 | Italy | L | 0-1 | Helsinki EC |
| | Jun 25 | Denmark | L | 0-2 | Copenhagen |
| | Sep 3 | Holland | L | 1-4 | Nijmegen EC |
| | Sep 29 | Italy | D | 0-0 | Rome EC |
| 1976 | May 19 | Switzerland | W | 1-0 | Kuopio |
| | Jun 1 | Sweden | L | 0-2 | Helsinki |
| | Jun 13 | England | L | 1-4 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jul 14 | Iceland | W | 1-0 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 11 | Sweden | L | 0-6 | Malmo |
| | Aug 25 | Turkey | W | 2-1 | Helsinki |
| | Sep 8 | Scotland | L | 0-6 | Glasgow |
| | Sep 22 | Luxembourg | W | 7-1 | Helsinki WC |
| | Oct 13 | England | L | 1-2 | Wembley WC |
| 1977 | Apr 6 | Turkey | W | 2-1 | Ankara |
| | May 26 | Luxembourg | W | 1-0 | Luxembourg WC |
| | Jun 8 | Italy | L | 0-3 | Helsinki WC |
| | Jun 22 | Denmark | L | 1-2 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 18 | Norway | D | 1-1 | Oslo |
| | Sep 7 | West Germany | L | 0-1 | Helsinki |
| | Oct 5 | Switzerland | L | 0-2 | Zurich |
| | Oct 15 | Italy | L | 1-6 | Turin WC |
| 1978 | Apr 5 | Russia | L | 1-10 | Erevan |
| | May 3 | Mexico | L | 0-1 | Helsinki |
| | May 25 | Greece | W | 3-0 | Helsinki EC |
| | Jun 28 | Sweden | L | 1-2 | Borlas |
| | Aug 9 | Norway | D | 1-1 | Helsinki |
| | Aug 30 | Poland | L | 0-1 | Helsinki |
| | Sep 20 | Hungary | W | 2-1 | Helsinki EC |
| | Oct 11 | Greece | L | 1-8 | Athens EC |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Since 1952 World Cup** | 104 | 20 | 20 | 64 | 94 | 249 |
| **From 1911 to WC'52** | 213 | 44 | 26 | 141 | 324 | 704 |
| **Total** | 317 | 64 | 46 | 205 | 418 | 953 |

### FRANCE

**IT'S always been one of the ironies of European football that while France can support a daily sports paper, the *L'Equipe*, as well as numerous sports journals (including France Football, Mondial, Onze, Miroir du Football) it's had trouble supporting its own football team.**

After the 1958 World Cup Finals, the French game sank into an abyss. A play-off defeat by Bulgaria meant they missed the 1962 trip to Chile, and with the retirements over the next few years of greats such as Just Fontaine, Raymond Kopa, Bob Jonquet and Roger Piantoni, the domestic scene was soon staggering into debt.

Many clubs never emerged, among them the famous Racing Club de Paris. Even Reims, Champions' Cup finalists in 1956 and 1959, were several times relegated and earlier this year nearly went bust, having to release all their major professional players.

Perhaps the French love of philosophising did not serve them well. Millions of words were written and spoken about what should be done — the only thing lacking was action!

Only in the past six years have men come through with the strength to shake French football back to its senses.

Club presidents such as Roger Rocher at Saint-Etienne, giving a head to intelligent coaches in the mould of Robert Herbin, and determined administrators such as Fernand Sastre, who brought in Stefan Kovacs from Ajax to head the national team, are the men who made the difference.

And from that breath of fresh air stemmed the attractive French side who made such an impression in the World Cup Finals last year. Now, with young stars such as Patini Rocheteau, Six and, in the wings the still younger Roussey and Paganelli, France are once again a force.

(Paris = Parc des Princes, unless stated)

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| 1962 | Oct 20 | England | D | 1-1 | Sheffield EC |
| | Oct 24 | West Germany | D | 2-2 | Stuttgart |
| | Nov 11 | Hungary | L | 2-3 | Paris |
| 1963 | Jan 9 | Spain | D | 0-0 | Barcelona |
| | Feb 27 | England | W | 5-2 | Paris EC |
| | Mar 17 | Holland | L | 0-1 | Rotterdam |
| | Apr 28 | Brazil | L | 2-3 | Paris |
| | Oct 29 | Bulgaria | L | 0-1 | Sofia EC |
| | Oct 26 | Bulgaria | W | 3-1 | Paris EC |
| | Nov 11 | Switzerland | D | 2-2 | Paris |
| | Dec 25 | Belgium | L | 1-2 | Paris |
| 1964 | Apr 26 | Hungary | L | 1-3 | Paris (Colombes) EC |
| | May 23 | Hungary | L | 1-2 | Budapest EC |
| | Oct 4 | Luxembourg | W | 2-0 | Luxembourg WC |
| | Nov 11 | Norway | W | 1-0 | Paris WC |
| | Dec 2 | Belgium | L | 0-3 | Brussels |
| 1965 | Mar 24 | Austria | L | 1-2 | Paris |
| | Apr 16 | Yugoslavia | L | 0-1 | Belgrade WC |
| | Jun 3 | Argentina | D | 0-0 | Paris |
| | Sep 15 | Norway | W | 1-0 | Oslo WC |
| | Oct 9 | Yugoslavia | W | 1-0 | Paris WC |
| | Nov 6 | Luxembourg | W | 4-1 | Marseille WC |
| 1966 | Mar 19 | Italy | D | 0-0 | Paris |
| | Apr 20 | Belgium | L | 0-3 | Paris |
| | Jun 16 | Russia | D | 3-3 | Moscow |
| | Jul 13 | Mexico | D | 1-1 | Wembley WCF |
| | Jul 15 | Uruguay | L | 1-2 | London (White City) WCF |
| | Jul 20 | England | L | 0-2 | Wembley WCF |
| | Nov 11 | Belgium | L | 1-2 | Brussels EC |
| | Nov 26 | Luxembourg | W | 3-0 | Luxembourg EC |
| 1967 | Mar 22 | Romania | L | 1-2 | Paris |
| | Jun 3 | Russia | L | 2-4 | Paris |
| | Sep 17 | Poland | W | 4-1 | Warsaw EC |
| | Oct 27 | West Germany | L | 1-5 | W. Berlin |
| | Oct 28 | Belgium | D | 1-1 | Nantes EC |
| | Dec 23 | Luxembourg | W | 3-1 | Paris EC |
| 1968 | Apr 6 | Yugoslavia | D | 1-1 | Marseille EC |
| | Apr 24 | Yugoslavia | L | 1-5 | Belgrade EC |
| | Sep 25 | West Germany | D | 1-1 | Marseille |
| | Oct 12 | Spain | L | 1-3 | Lyon |
| | Dec 6 | Norway | L | 0-1 | Strasbourg WC |
| 1969 | Mar 12 | England | L | 0-5 | Wembley |
| | Sep 10 | Norway | W | 3-1 | Oslo WC |
| | Oct 15 | Sweden | L | 0-2 | Stockholm WC |
| | Nov 1 | Sweden | W | 3-0 | Paris WC |
| 1970 | Apr 8 | Bulgaria | D | 1-1 | Rouen |
| | Apr 28 | Romania | W | 2-0 | Reims |
| | May 3 | Switzerland | L | 1-2 | Basle |
| | Sep 5 | Czechoslovakia | W | 3-0 | Nice |
| | Oct 7 | Austria | L | 0-1 | Vienna |
| | Nov 11 | Norway | W | 3-1 | Lyon EC |
| | Nov 15 | Belgium | W | 2-1 | Brussels |
| 1971 | Jan 8 | Argentina | W | 4-3 | Buenos Aires |
| | Jan 12 | Argentina | L | 0-2 | Mar del Plata |
| | Mar 17 | Spain | D | 2-2 | Valencia |
| | Apr 24 | Hungary | D | 1-1 | Budapest EC |
| | Sep 8 | Norway | W | 3-1 | Oslo EC |
| | Oct 9 | Hungary | L | 0-2 | Paris (Colombes) EC |
| | Nov 10 | Bulgaria | W | 2-1 | Nantes EC |
| | Dec 4 | Bulgaria | L | 1-2 | Sofia EC |

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| 1972 Apr 8 | Rumania | L | 0-2 | Bucharest | |
| Jun 11 | Concacaf | W | 5-0 | Salvador | |
| Jun 15 | Colombia | W | 3-2 | Salvador | |
| Jun 18 | Africa | W | 2-0 | Mocoto | |
| Jun 25 | Argentina | D | 0-0 | Salvador | |
| Sep 2 | Greece | W | 3-1 | Athens | |
| Oct 13 | Russia | W | 1-0 | Paris | WC |
| Nov 15 | Rep. Ireland | L | 1-2 | Dublin | WC |
| 1973 Mar 3 | Portugal | L | 1-2 | Paris | |
| May 19 | Rep. Ireland | D | 1-1 | Paris | WC |
| May 26 | Russia | L | 0-2 | Moscow | WC |
| Sep 8 | Greece | W | 3-1 | Paris | |
| Oct 13 | West Germany | L | 1-2 | Gelsenkirchen | |
| Nov 21 | Denmark | W | 3-0 | Paris | |
| 1974 Mar 23 | Rumania | W | 1-0 | Paris | |
| Apr 27 | Czechoslovakia | D | 3-3 | Prague | |
| May 18 | Argentina | L | 0-1 | Paris | |
| Sep 7 | Poland | W | 2-0 | Wroclaw | |
| Oct 12 | Belgium | L | 1-2 | Brussels | EC |
| Nov 16 | East Germany | D | 2-2 | Paris | EC |
| 1975 Mar 26 | Hungary | W | 2-0 | Paris | |
| Apr 26 | Portugal | L | 0-2 | Paris (Colombes) | |
| May 25 | Iceland | D | 0-0 | Reykjavik | EC |
| Sep 3 | Iceland | W | 3-0 | Nantes | EC |
| Oct 12 | East Germany | L | 1-2 | Leipzig | EC |
| Nov 19 | Belgium | D | 0-0 | Paris | EC |
| 1976 Mar 27 | Czechoslovakia | D | 2-2 | Paris | |
| Apr 24 | Poland | W | 2-0 | Lens | |
| May 22 | Hungary | W | 1-0 | Budapest | |
| Sep 1 | Denmark | D | 1-1 | Copenhagen | |
| Oct 9 | Bulgaria | D | 2-2 | Sofia | WC |
| Nov 17 | Rep. Ireland | W | 2-0 | Paris | WC |
| 1977 Feb 23 | West Germany | W | 1-0 | Paris | |
| Mar 30 | Rep. Ireland | L | 0-1 | Dublin | |
| Apr 23 | Switzerland | W | 4-0 | Geneva | |
| Jun 26 | Argentina | D | 0-0 | Buenos Aires | |
| Jun 30 | Brazil | D | 2-2 | Rio de Janeiro | |
| Oct 8 | Russia | D | 0-0 | Paris | |
| Nov 16 | Bulgaria | W | 3-1 | Paris | WC |
| 1978 Feb 8 | Italy | D | 2-2 | Naples | |
| Mar 8 | Portugal | W | 2-0 | Paris | |
| Apr 1 | Brazil | W | 1-0 | Paris | |
| May 11 | Iran | W | 2-1 | Toulouse | |
| May 19 | Tunisia | W | 2-0 | Lille | |
| Jun 2 | Italy | L | 1-2 | Mar del Plata | WCF |
| Jun 6 | Argentina | L | 1-2 | Buenos Aires | WCF |
| Jun 11 | Hungary | W | 3-1 | Mar del Plata | WCF |
| Sep 1 | Sweden | D | 2-2 | Paris | EC |
| Oct 7 | Luxembourg | W | 3-1 | Luxembourg | EC |
| Nov 8 | Spain | W | 1-0 | Paris | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Since 1962 World Cup | 112 | 44 | 26 | 40 | 169 | 157 |
| From 1904 to WC'62 | 256 | 95 | 40 | 121 | 499 | 584 |
| Total | 368 | 139 | 66 | 161 | 668 | 741 |

## GREECE

**WITH a reputation for regular bribery and corruption and frequent riots on the pitch, Greek football has been all too long a joke in European football circles.**

But occasionally there are signs of change.

If the table beneath shows no appearances in the finals of the World Cup or European championship, then Panathinaikos can still boast a trip to the 1971 Champions' Cup Final.

Yet now there is a real possibility that Greece could at last enter the top flight by reaching the finals of the current European championship since Russia and Hungary have been giving away a lot of points in the group which also includes weak Finland.

If the Greeks do go to Italy the game in the traditional home of the Olympics could receive a spectacular boost.

For many years the clubs have imported foreign managers and foreign players, too. Several West Germans, Yugoslavs and now even Uruguayans have made their mark domestically.

But if Greece is to make any headway with the national team then a place in the European championship finals is vital. It would also help to shade the ridiculous row between top clubs AEK and Olympiakos recently about the league play-off — the sort of row which has given Greek soccer its unhappy reputation.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 Oct 18 | Ethiopia | W | 3-2 | Athens | |
| 1963 May 22 | Poland | L | 0-4 | Warsaw | |
| Oct 16 | Poland | W | 3-1 | Athens | |
| Nov 27 | Cyprus | L | 1-3 | Nicosia | |
| 1964 May 13 | Ethiopia | W | 3-1 | Athens | |
| Nov 29 | Denmark | W | 4-2 | Athens | WC |
| Dec 9 | Wales | W | 2-0 | Athens | WC |
| 1965 Feb 25 | Bulgaria | L | 1-2 | Athens | |
| Mar 17 | Wales | L | 1-4 | Cardiff | WC |
| May 23 | Russia | L | 1-3 | Moscow | WC |
| Oct 3 | Russia | L | 1-4 | Athens | WC |
| Oct 27 | Denmark | D | 1-1 | Copenhagen | WC |
| 1966 Oct 16 | Finland | W | 2-1 | Salonika | EC |
| 1967 Feb 15 | Libya | W | 4-0 | Athens | |
| Mar 15 | Rumania | L | 1-2 | Bucharest | |
| May 10 | Finland | D | 1-1 | Helsinki | EC |
| Jul 16 | Russia | L | 3-4 | Tbilisi | EC |
| Oct 4 | Austria | W | 4-1 | Athens | EC |
| Oct 31 | Russia | L | 3-1 | Athens | EC |
| Nov 5 | Austria | D | 1-1 | Vienna | EC |
| 1968 Oct 12 | Switzerland | L | 0-1 | Basle | WC |
| Nov 20 | Egypt | W | 4-1 | Athens | |
| Dec 11 | Portugal | W | 4-2 | Athens | WC |
| 1969 Mar 25 | Cyprus | W | 1-0 | Athens | |
| Apr 16 | Rumania | D | 2-2 | Athens | WC |
| May 14 | Portugal | D | 2-2 | Oporto | WC |
| Oct 15 | Switzerland | W | 4-1 | Salonika | WC |
| Nov 16 | Rumania | D | 1-1 | Bucharest | WC |
| 1970 Oct 11 | Malta | D | 1-1 | Valetta | EC |
| Oct 29 | Spain | L | 1-2 | Zaragoza | |
| Nov 19 | Australia | L | 1-3 | Athens | |
| Nov 22 | West Germany | L | 1-3 | Athens | |
| Dec 16 | Switzerland | L | 0-1 | Athens | EC |
| 1971 Jan 31 | Cyprus | W | 2-1 | Nicosia | |
| Apr 7 | Bulgaria | L | 0-1 | Athens | |
| Apr 21 | England | L | 0-3 | Wembley | EC |
| May 12 | Switzerland | L | 0-1 | Berne | EC |
| Jun 16 | Malta | W | 2-0 | Athens | EC |
| Jul 7 | Mexico | D | 1-1 | Mexico City | |
| Oct 3 | Mexico | L | 0-1 | Salonika | |
| Nov 17 | Bulgaria | D | 2-2 | Sofia | |
| Dec 1 | England | L | 0-2 | Athens | EC |
| Dec 9 | Cyprus | D | 1-1 | Athens | |
| 1972 Feb 16 | Holland | L | 0-5 | Athens | |
| Mar 4 | Italy | W | 2-1 | Athens | |
| Apr 12 | Spain | D | 0-0 | Salonika | |
| Sep 3 | France | L | 1-3 | Athens | |
| Nov 19 | Yugoslavia | L | 0-1 | Belgrade | WC |
| 1973 Jan 17 | Spain | L | 2-3 | Athens | WC |
| Jan 31 | Bulgaria | D | 2-2 | Athens | |
| Feb 21 | Spain | L | 1-3 | Malaga | WC |
| Sep 8 | France | L | 1-3 | Paris | |
| Dec 19 | Yugoslavia | L | 2-4 | Athens | WC |
| 1974 Feb 13 | Bulgaria | W | 1-0 | Athens | |
| Apr 28 | Brazil | D | 0-0 | Rio de Janeiro | |
| May 15 | Poland | L | 0-2 | Wroclaw | |
| May 29 | Rumania | L | 1-3 | Bucharest | |
| Oct 13 | Bulgaria | D | 3-3 | Sofia | EC |
| Nov 15 | Cyprus | W | 3-1 | Athens | |
| Nov 20 | West Germany | D | 2-2 | Athens | EC |
| Dec 18 | Bulgaria | W | 2-1 | Athens | EC |
| 1975 Feb 23 | Malta | L | 0-2 | Valletta | EC |
| Apr 1 | Cyprus | W | 2-1 | Nicosia | |
| Jun 4 | Malta | W | 4-0 | Salonika | EC |
| Sep 24 | Rumania | D | 1-1 | Salonika | |
| Oct 11 | West Germany | D | 1-1 | Düsseldorf | EC |
| Dec 30 | Italy | L | 2-3 | Florence | |
| 1976 May 6 | Poland | W | 1-0 | Athens | |
| Sep 22 | Israel | L | 0-1 | Patras | |
| Oct 9 | Hungary | D | 1-1 | Athens | WC |
| Nov 10 | Austria | L | 0-3 | Kavala | |
| 1977 Jan 26 | Israel | D | 1-1 | Tel-Aviv | |
| Mar 9 | Austria | L | 0-2 | Vienna | |
| Mar 23 | Czechoslovakia | L | 0-4 | Prague | |
| Apr 24 | Russia | L | 0-2 | Moscow | WC |
| May 18 | Russia | W | 1-0 | Salonika | WC |
| May 28 | Hungary | L | 0-3 | Budapest | WC |
| Sep 21 | Rumania | L | 1-6 | Bucharest | |
| Oct 26 | Bulgaria | D | 0-0 | Sofia | |
| Nov 16 | Yugoslavia | D | 0-0 | Salonika | |
| 1978 Jan 11 | Cyprus | W | 2-0 | Nicosia | |
| Feb 15 | Austria | D | 1-1 | Athens | |
| Mar 22 | Czechoslovakia | L | 0-1 | Salonika | |
| Apr 5 | Poland | L | 2-5 | Poznan | |
| May 24 | Finland | L | 0-3 | Helsinki | EC |
| Jun 11 | Australia | W | 2-1 | Sydney | |
| Sep 20 | Russia | L | 0-2 | Erevan | EC |
| Oct 11 | Finland | W | 8-1 | Athens | EC |
| Oct 25 | Hungary | W | 4-1 | Salonika | EC |
| Nov 15 | Yugoslavia | L | 1-4 | Skopje | |
| Dec 13 | Rumania | W | 2-1 | Athens | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Since 1962 World Cup | 81 | 27 | 22 | 42 | 124 | 160 |
| From 1926 to WC'62 | 58 | 13 | 8 | 37 | 72 | 154 |
| Total | 149 | 40 | 30 | 79 | 196 | 314 |

## HOLLAND

**DUTCH football has a long history. It was more than a hundred years ago that the game was first played in Holland, and in 1899 that the KNVB were formed.**

Yet it wasn't until the mid-1950s that the break towards professional football came, though the progress in a comparatively short time since has been remarkable.

Holland are now famous for a school of football which brought the national team twice to the World Cup Final — 1974 and 1978 — and its top clubs Ajax and Feyenoord to four Champions' Cups.

And if this success was partly due to the coincidence of a generation of great players growing up together, then let's not ignore the fact that Dutch football was able to nurture that talent and channel it into the national team.

Many other greater football nations have failed that test in the past!

Now Dutch players are in demand abroad. Johan Cruyff was the first of the latter-day exiles, though Faas Wilkes long before was a success in Spain with Valencia.

But the Dutch, along with a reputation for their skill, have also managed to obtain a reputation for business precocity which has sometimes appeared to hinder their own progress.

The dispute over bonuses didn't cause any lasting damage in the 1974 World Cup Finals, when "total football" swept all but hosts West Germany before them. But the willingness of the younger players to follow in the footsteps abroad of the Cruyffs, the Neeskens' and the Haans may mean that Holland's reign as uncrowned kings of Europe is over.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 Sep 5 | Neth. Antilles | W | 8-0 | Amsterdam | |
| Sep 26 | Denmark | L | 1-4 | Copenhagen | |
| Oct 14 | Belgium | L | 0-2 | Antwerp | |
| Nov 11 | Switzerland | W | 3-1 | Amsterdam | EC |
| 1963 Mar 3 | Belgium | L | 0-1 | Rotterdam | |
| Mar 31 | Switzerland | D | 1-1 | Berne | EC |
| Apr 16 | France | W | 1-0 | Rotterdam | |
| May 2 | Brazil | W | 1-0 | Amsterdam | |
| Sep 11 | Luxembourg | D | 1-1 | Amsterdam (Luxembourg away tie) | EC |
| Oct 20 | Belgium | D | 1-1 | Amsterdam | |
| Oct 30 | Luxembourg | L | 1-2 | Rotterdam | EC |
| 1964 Mar 22 | Belgium | D | 0-0 | Amsterdam | |
| Apr 12 | Austria | D | 1-1 | Amsterdam | |
| Apr 29 | Sweden | L | 0-1 | Rotterdam | |
| May 24 | Albania | W | 2-0 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Sep 30 | Belgium | L | 0-1 | Antwerp | |
| Oct 25 | Albania | W | 2-0 | Tirana | WC |
| Dec 9 | England | D | 1-1 | Amsterdam | |
| 1965 Jan 26 | Israel | W | 1-0 | Tel-Aviv | |
| Mar 17 | N. Ireland | L | 1-2 | Belfast | WC |
| Apr 7 | N. Ireland | D | 0-0 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Oct 17 | Switzerland | D | 0-0 | Amsterdam | WC |
| Nov 14 | Switzerland | L | 1-2 | Berne | WC |
| 1966 Mar 23 | West Germany | L | 2-4 | Rotterdam | |
| Apr 17 | Belgium | W | 3-1 | Rotterdam | |
| May 11 | Scotland | W | 3-0 | Glasgow | |
| Sep 7 | Hungary | D | 2-2 | Rotterdam | EC |
| Sep 18 | Austria | L | 1-2 | Vienna | |
| Nov 6 | Czechoslovakia | L | 1-2 | Amsterdam | |
| Nov 30 | Denmark | W | 2-0 | Rotterdam | EC |
| 1967 Apr 5 | East Germany | L | 3-4 | Leipzig | EC |
| Apr 16 | Belgium | L | 0-1 | Antwerp | |
| May 10 | Hungary | L | 1-2 | Budapest | EC |
| Sep 13 | East Germany | W | 1-0 | Amsterdam | EC |
| Oct 4 | Denmark | L | 2-3 | Copenhagen | EC |
| Nov 1 | Yugoslavia | L | 1-2 | Rotterdam | |
| Nov 29 | Russia | W | 3-1 | Rotterdam | |
| 1968 Apr 7 | Belgium | L | 1-2 | Amsterdam | |
| May 1 | Poland | D | 0-0 | Warsaw | |
| May 30 | Scotland | D | 0-0 | Amsterdam | |
| Jun 5 | Rumania | D | 0-0 | Bucharest | |
| Sep 4 | Luxembourg | W | 2-0 | Rotterdam (Luxembourg away tie) | WC |
| Oct 27 | Bulgaria | L | 0-2 | Sofia | WC |
| 1969 Mar 26 | Luxembourg | W | 4-0 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Apr 16 | Czechoslovakia | W | 2-0 | Rotterdam | |
| May 7 | Poland | W | 1-0 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Sep 7 | Poland | L | 1-2 | Chorzow | WC |
| Oct 22 | Bulgaria | D | 1-1 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Nov 5 | England | L | 0-1 | Amsterdam | |
| 1970 Jan 14 | England | D | 0-0 | Wembley | |
| Jan 28 | Israel | W | 1-0 | Tel-Aviv | |
| Oct 18 | Yugoslavia | D | 1-1 | Rotterdam | EC |
| Nov 11 | East Germany | L | 0-1 | Dresden | EC |
| Dec 2 | Rumania | W | 2-0 | Amsterdam | |
| 1971 Feb 24 | Luxembourg | W | 6-0 | Rotterdam | EC |
| Apr 4 | Yugoslavia | L | 0-2 | Split | EC |
| Oct 10 | East Germany | W | 3-2 | Rotterdam | EC |
| Nov 17 | Luxembourg | W | 6-0 | Eindhoven | EC |
| Dec 1 | Scotland | W | 2-1 | Amsterdam | |
| 1972 Feb 16 | Greece | W | 5-0 | Athens | |
| May 3 | Peru | W | 3-0 | Rotterdam | |
| Aug 30 | Czechoslovakia | W | 2-1 | Prague | |
| Nov 1 | Norway | W | 9-0 | Rotterdam | WC |
| Nov 19 | Belgium | D | 0-0 | Antwerp | WC |
| 1973 Mar 28 | Austria | L | 0-1 | Vienna | |
| May 2 | Spain | W | 3-2 | Amsterdam | |
| Aug 22 | Iceland | W | 3-0 | Amsterdam | WC |
| Aug 29 | Iceland | W | 8-1 | Deventer (Iceland home tie) | WC |
| Sep 12 | Norway | W | 2-1 | Oslo | WC |
| Oct 10 | Poland | D | 1-1 | Rotterdam | |
| Nov 18 | Belgium | D | 0-0 | Amsterdam | WC |
| 1974 Mar 27 | Austria | D | 1-1 | Rotterdam | |
| May 26 | Argentina | W | 4-1 | Amsterdam | |
| Jun 5 | Rumania | D | 0-0 | Rotterdam | |
| Jun 15 | Uruguay | W | 2-0 | Hanover | WCF |
| Jun 19 | Sweden | D | 0-0 | Dortmund | WCF |
| Jun 23 | Bulgaria | W | 4-1 | Dortmund | WCF |
| Jun 26 | Argentina | W | 4-0 | Gelsenkirchen | WCF |
| Jun 30 | East Germany | W | 2-0 | Gelsenkirchen | WCF |
| Jul 3 | Brazil | W | 2-0 | Dortmund | WCF |
| Jul 7 | West Germany | L | 1-2 | Munich | WCF |
| Sep 4 | Sweden | W | 5-1 | Stockholm | |
| Sep 25 | Finland | W | 3-1 | Helsinki | EC |
| Oct 9 | Switzerland | W | 1-0 | Rotterdam | |
| Nov 20 | Italy | W | 3-1 | Rotterdam | EC |

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### SWITZERLAND

**Champions' Cup:** SERVETTE. 14-5. Hungarian exile Peter Pazmandy (he stayed abroad during the 1956 revolution) guided Servette to a magnificent season. They began by winning the Cup of the Alps then followed up by winning the league, the FA Cup, and the league cup. They also lost by the narrowest possible margin to Fortuna Düsseldorf in the Cup-winners' quarter-finals, by 0-0, 1-1, losing on the away goal. Since the end of that superb season they have lost forward Joko Pfister, but filled the gap by signing Franco Cuccinotta, a Champions' Cup goal scourge of three years back when he was with Zurich.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** YOUNG BOYS BERNE. 10-5. Despite the fact that Young Boys have finished up in Europe, season 1978-79 was a season of losses. They lost 3-2 to Servette in the Cup Final replay, and lost also their best player, veteran Karl Odermatt, who retired immediately afterwards. New international forward Thomas Zwahlen is the liveliest of the new generation.

**UEFA Cup:** ZURICH F.C. 8-5. Tschik Cajkovski took over as coach a year ago and did well with a mixed-up squad—though Yugoslav midfielder Jure Jerkovic proved without a doubt that he is the best foreigner operating in the Swiss league.

GRASSHOPPERS. 17-13 (both records). After reaching the Champions' Cup quarter-finals, where they lost to eventual winners Nottingham Forest, Grasshoppers were ready for changes. Coach Helmut Johannsen was voted out as coach and Jürgen Sundermann, so successful with Stuttgart in the Bundesliga last season, takes over. One man not moving is top scorer Claudio Sulser, who has—despite offers from West Germany and Holland—signed a new contract.

### TURKEY

**Champions' Cup:** TRABZONSPOR. 3-3. Missed out on the Cup-winners' Cup last season because of a European suspension after crowd and player misbehaviour. Led the table from start to finish, losing their first game only in May when they went down 1-0 to Galatasaray. Goalkeeper Senol went a record 1,230 minutes unbeaten and conceded only one goal in the first 15 games.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** FENERBAHCE. 8 (record)-3. The most popular club in Turkey, they play in the Kadi Koy stadium in Istanbul. But their best season in Europe is now 16 years back, when they reached the Cup-winners' quarter-finals. Beaten 2-1, 1-6 by PSV Eindhoven in the Champions' Cup first round last season, they returned to Europe by beating Altay Izmir 1-2, 2-0 in the two-leg Cup Final. Best player is Ali Cemil, their veteran of more than 50 internationals, though he has been plagued by injury problems in the past 12 months.

**UEFA Cup:** GALATASARAY. 5-6 (record). Founded in 1905, they took the amateur championship 10 times before turning professional. Outstanding past players include 1950s' heroes Turgay in goal and forward Lefter. Play in the Sami Yen stadium and recent managers include Englishmen Malcolm Allison and Don Howe.

ORDUSPOR. 0-0. First appearance in Europe.

### WALES

**Champions' Cup:** No entry.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** WREXHAM. 0-0 (Welsh Cup 21). Oldest club in Wales, founded in 1873. Play in the 30,000-capacity Racecourse Ground. Now in the Second Division of the Football League after racing through from the Fourth in successive seasons. Manager is Arfon Griffiths and they're not without European experience at top level, thanks to the presence at left back of ex-Liverpool man Joey Jones. Lost 0-3, 2-0 to Rijeka in last season's first round.

**UEFA Cup:** No entry.

### WEST GERMANY

**Champions' Cup:** HAMBURG S.V. 4-2. Timed their run-in to perfection to overtake Kaiserlautern and Stuttgart and land their first championship for 19 years. In fact, the last time Hamburg were champions, back in the days of Uwe Seeler and Klaus Stürmer, was before the advent of the Bundesliga. Then they reached the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup. Now Kevin Keegan—voted by *Kicker* as the only world-class player in the Bundesliga—wants to go one better. With a useful sprinkling of internationals—Rudi Kargus in goal, Manni Kaltz right back, and Yugoslav Ivan Buljan as stopper are the best-known—they will be a threat to Nottingham Forest. Team Manager is Yugoslav Branko Zebec. Hamburg were Cup-winners' runners-up in 1968 and winners in 1977.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** FORTUNA DÜSSELDORF. 1-1. Founded in 1895, but won only one championship—and that pre-war—before last term's climactic events. Having scraped into the Cup-winners' Cup as losers to double-winners Köln, they fought bravely before losing 4-3 to Barcelona in Basle. Then they scored an extra-time victory over Hertha Berlin in the domestic Final to return this season for a new tilt at Barcelona. Coach Dieter Tippenhauer is, at 36, one of the youngest in the Bundesliga. Skipper remains 29-year-old sweeper Gerd Zewe, while Klaus Allofs was, with 22 goals, the Bundesliga's top scorer last season.

**UEFA Cup:** KAISERSLAUTERN. 2-0. Their original great days were in the early 1950s, the days of Fritz and Ottmar Walter and Werner Liebrich. Yet for much of last season it appeared they would win the league, thanks to a sound defence, the brilliance of Ronnie Hellström in goal, and the incisive centre-forward play of Klaus Toppmöller. Late in the race, however, their temperament gave way. Toppmöller was among three key players sent off and landed with hefty suspensions and Hamburg took advantage to take over at the top.

BAYERN MUNICH. 5-5 (record). European champions in 1974, 1975 and 1976, as well as winners of the Cup-winners' Cup in 1967. It appeared, after the departure of Franz Beckenbauer for New York Cosmos two years ago, that Bayern were about to fall apart. Dettmar Cramer was sacked as coach in mid-season and replaced by Guyla Lorant, who was dismissed in turn during the winter. President Wilhelm Neudecker decided to appoint controversial Austrian Max Merkel, but was thwarted by a players' revolt. Neudecker quit in the belief that Bayern would slump still further and he would be recalled with full powers. Instead the players, led by goalkeeper Sepp Maier and Paul Breitner, pulled together for a spirited dash up the table which returns them to the European scene. Replacement for Gerd Müller at centre forward is Dieter Hoeness from Stuttgart, younger brother of general manager Uli Hoeness. Both men are starting their first season in new roles.

V.F.B. STUTTGART. 2-2. Ran Hamburg close in the league under the guidance of young coach Jürgen Sundermann—however he has now left for Swiss club, Servette. Plenty of promising youngsters at Stuttgart, including Hansi Müller in midfield and the promising Förster brothers, both recently capped by West Germany, in defence. Lost 4-1, 0-4 to Dukla Prague in last season's UEFA Cup third round.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT. 1-2. Always remembered for their part in the great 1960 Champions' Cup Final at Hampden, when they lost 7-3 to Real Madrid. But you can't live on past glory. Veteran schemer Jürgen Grabowski still runs the show, despite having quit the national team five years ago, while pace and skill in defence is provided by Bruno Pezzey. The Austrian, who scored twice recently against England, joined Frankfurt last summer from SSW Innsbrück, after playing an heroic role in the World Cup.

BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH. 5-2. Holders of the UEFA Cup, became West Germany's fifth contestants thanks to UEFA's benevolence and the absence of an Albanian entry, since automatic qualification for winners in the third European competition doesn't become the law until next year. In fact, while Borussia were on their way to 1-1, 1-0 UEFA Final win over Red Star Belgrade, they were battling against relegation. Winners of the EUFA Cup also in 1975 and runners-up in 1973, they face a major rebuilding task. All-time record scorer Jupp Heynckes is now coach following Udo Lattek's departure for Dortmund, but there is no Allan Simonsen to save the lost causes. He's gone to Barcelona. Harald Nickel, from Eintracht Braunschweig, is the man on whom the 'new' Borussia depend for goals.

### YUGOSLAVIA

**Champions' Cup:** HAJDUK SPLIT. 9-5. It was hardly a good omen when new coach Tomislav Ivic was hurt in a car crash before last season began, but in the end Hajduk sneaked the title on goal difference from Dynamo Zagreb. Play in a new 50,000-capacity stadium and have two promising young international forwards in the Vujovic twins. Lost 2-1, 0-1 to Arsenal in last season's UEFA Cup second round.

**Cup-winners' Cup:** NOGOMETNI RIJEKA. Beat Partizan Belgrade 2-1, 0-0 in the Cup Final, and also landed the Balkan Cup against Rumania's Jiul Petrosiani. Lost, however, 0-0, 0-2 to Beveren in the Cup-winners' second round. Most dangerous player is the left wing striker Damir Desnica — a deaf mute!

**UEFA Cup:** DYNAMO ZAGREB. 3-6. Pipped on goal difference for the league title by Hajduk.

RED STAR BELGRADE. 12-9 (both records). UEFA Cup runners-up last season to Borussia Moenchengladbach, and will set plenty of problems again this season. Strength is their experience and resilience in the toughest situations — as they proved again and again in holding the most slender of leads in several of their ties last season. Vladimir Petrovic runs the show in midfield when fit, though in his absence there are plenty of other skilled men able to organise the team's smooth, skilful, yet powerful attack.

# Fixtures

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**Nov 24 (May 3) —**
Hamburger SV v VfB Stuttgart
Bayer Leverkusen v VfL Bochum
Eintracht Frankfurt v 1.FC Köln
1.FC Kaiersl. v Werder Bremen
MSV Duisburg v Bayer Uerdingen
Hertha BSC v 1860 München
Bayer München v Bor. Dortmund
Bor. M'gladbach v Fort. Düsseldorf
Schalke 04 v Eintr. Braunschweig

**Dec 1 (May 17) —**
Werder Bremen v Eintr. Frankfurt
1.FC Köln v VfL Bochum
Etr. Braunschweig v Hamburger SV
VfB Stuttgart v Borussia M'gladbach
Fort. Düsseldorf v Bayern München
Borussia Dortmund v Hertha BSC
1860 München v MSV Duisberg
Bayer Uerdingen v 1.FC Kaiersl.
Schalke 04 v Bayer Leverkusen

**Dec 8 (May 24) —**
Hamburger SV v Bayer Leverkusen
1.FC Köln v Werder Bremen
Eintr. Frankfurt v Bayer Uerdingen
1.FC Kaiserslautern v 1860 München
MSV Duisberg v Borussia Dortmund
Hertha BSC Berlin v F. Düsseldorf
Bayern München v VfB Stuttgart
Bor. M'gladbach v Etr. Braunschweig
VfL Bochum v FC Schalke 04

**Dec 15 (May 31) —**
Werder Bremen v VfL Bochum
Bayer Leverkusen v Bor. M'gladbach
Etr. Braunschw. v Bayern München
VfB Stuttgart v Hertha BSC Berlin
Fortuna Düsseldorf v MSV Duisburg
Bor. Dortmund v 1.FC Kaiserslautern
1860 München v Eintr. Frankfurt
Bayer Uerdingen v 1.FC Köln
FC Schalke 04 v Hamburger SV

# EURO HISTORY

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975 | Apr 30 | Belgium | L | 0-1 | Antwerp | |
| | May 17 | West Germany | D | 1-1 | Frankfurt | |
| | May 31 | Yugoslavia | L | 0-3 | Belgrade | |
| | Sep 3 | Finland | W | 4-1 | Nijmegen | EC |
| | Sep 10 | Poland | L | 1-4 | Chorzow | EC |
| | Oct 15 | Poland | W | 3-0 | Amsterdam | EC |
| | Nov 22 | Italy | L | 0-1 | Rome | EC |
| 1976 | Apr 25 | Belgium | W | 5-0 | Rotterdam | EC |
| | May 22 | Belgium | W | 2-1 | Brussels | EC |
| | Jun 16 | Czechoslovakia | L | 1-3 aet | Zagreb | ECF |
| | Jun 19 | Yugoslavia | W | 3-2 aet | Zagreb | EC3rd |
| | Sep 8 | Iceland | W | 1-0 | Reykjavik | WC |
| | Oct 13 | N. Ireland | D | 2-2 | Rotterdam | WC |
| 1977 | Feb 9 | England | W | 2-0 | Wembley | |
| | Mar 26 | Belgium | W | 2-0 | Antwerp | WC |
| | Aug 31 | Iceland | W | 4-1 | Nijmegen | WC |
| | Oct 5 | Russia | D | 0-0 | Rotterdam | |
| | Oct 12 | N. Ireland | W | 1-0 | Belfast | WC |
| | Oct 26 | Belgium | W | 1-0 | Amsterdam | WC |
| 1978 | Feb 22 | Israel | W | 2-1 | Tel-Aviv | |
| | Apr 5 | Tunisia | W | 4-0 | Tunis | |
| | May 20 | Austria | W | 1-0 | Vienna | |
| | Jun 3 | Iran | W | 3-0 | Mendoza | WCF |
| | Jun 7 | Peru | D | 0-0 | Mendoza | WCF |
| | Jun 11 | Scotland | L | 2-3 | Mendoza | WCF |
| | Jun 14 | Austria | W | 5-1 | Cordoba | WCF |
| | Jun 18 | West Germany | D | 2-2 | Cordoba | WCF |
| | Jun 21 | Italy | W | 2-1 | Buenos Aires | WCF |
| | Jun 25 | Argentina | L | 1-3 | Buenos Aires | WCF |
| | Sep 20 | Iceland | W | 3-0 | Nijmegen | EC |
| | Oct 11 | Switzerland | W | 3-1 | Berne | EC |
| | Nov 15 | East Germany | W | 3-0 | Rotterdam | EC |
| | Dec 20 | West Germany | L | 1-3 | Düsseldorf | |

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| **Since 1962 World Cup** | 118 | 69 | 26 | 32 | 221 | 110 |
| **From 1905 to WC'62** | 252 | 106 | 48 | 98 | 595 | 526 |
| **Total** | 370 | 166 | 74 | 128 | 816 | 636 |

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